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SUMMARY.

In their retreat to the north of the Hun-ho the Russians maintained order. Great piles of ammunition were abandoned.

So close was the Japanese pursuit that Kuropatkin's forces could not remain in the strong defences north of the Hun-ho.

Japan's troops, with guns and pontoons, crossed the frozen river just before the ice broke.

The Russian army was pierced and divided about 10 miles east of Mukden, which was then rushed by the Japanese from all directions.

Official despatches place the Russian losses at 200,000 officers and men, 500 guns, and 20 colours.

Kuropatkin has reached Tie-ling with the remnant of his army. He asks to be relieved of his command.

He is, he states, in urgent need of physical and mental rest.

Part of Oku's men occupied Mukden on Friday morning. Another portion of his forces surrounded and captured a large body of flying Russians.

Mukden was evacuated by the Czar's army on Thursday night. Lights were left burning to deceive the enemy.

Subsequently the vigour of the pursuit broke the Russian formation. A rout ensued. Stores, guns, and waggons were freely abandoned.

About Mukden the Russian corpses were too numerous for interment. General Zerpitzky died of his wounds.

General Nakhimoff, who was captured by the Japanese, estimates Russia's losses at 30,000 men, 100 siege guns, and 300 field guns.

General Kuropatkin admits that in 11 days 800 officers and 46,391 men failed to respond at roll call.

Between the Tawan and the Pahu and the railway the whole country was "one great shambles," so pronounced was the Russian rout.

Clouds of dust enveloped and confused the panic-stricken troops. With the restoration of order attention was given to abandoned waggons.

Russian soldiers are reported to have fired on their comrades; others bayoneted trees for Japanese. Whole brigades surrendered without orders.

It is feared that two army corps left by Kuropatkin to guard the line from Mukden to Fushun have been captured or annihilated.

Field Marshal Oyama reports that the Russians have left 26,500 corpses on the field. Other Russian casualties, he states, number 90,000.

Japan has captured 40,000 prisoners, and vast quantities of war material and supplies.

St. Petersburg's populace is still kept in ignorance of Russia's crushing disaster. A week's festivities are in progress at the capital.

The Japanese expect that the Russians will recognise at Tie-ling, but that they will not be able to resist a strong attack.

In Japan the press urges the vigorous prosecution of the fighting, so that the enemy shall be forced to ask for peace.

It is reported that the Baltic fleet, under Admiral Rozhdestvensky, is unable without coaling to pass through the Suez Canal.

Had the South Wales colliery explosion occurred a few minutes later, when the night shift would have been in the mine, an appalling calamity must have resulted.

In opening the Cape Colony Parliament, the Governor stated that prosecutions in connection with the war would now cease, and that arms would be freely granted to farmers.

Several changes are announced in the British Cabinet. Mr. Walter Long succeeds Mr. Wyndham as Chief Secretary for Ireland.

In some of the Russian provinces peasant risings are reaching dangerous dimensions. Their cry is for land.

The police are powerless to restore order, and an appeal has been made for troops.

Mr. Reid, the Federal Prime Minister, was entertained last night by his East Sydney committee to mark his elevation to the high office he now holds.

Subsequently there was a large public meeting at the Protestant Hall. Proceedings were very enthusiastic.

The Prime Minister, in reply to a motion of appreciation, said in the course of 25 years of public life he had never lost a friend.

In a vigorous speech Mr. Reid charged the freetrade press with having deserted him when the first Prime Minister was appointed.

Had the press then recognised his services in saving federation from the dustheap it was quite possible that Australia would stand in a different position to-day.

He appealed to every male and female voter to assist him in his fight against the Labour party's Parliamentary tactics and rabid socialism.

Referring to the repeal of objectionable legislation, he said he did not yet intend to commit political suicide, although his enemies would thank him for it.

Mr. Sydney Smith declined yesterday to state the details of the amended tender which it is understood the Government has under offer for the carriage of English mails.

It is expected that Queensland and Western Australia will oppose the proposition that the High Court should economise by sitting only in Melbourne and Sydney.

Mr. Lee, Minister for Works, told a deputation of unemployed yesterday that it was arrant nonsense to say that the Government was practically shutting down all works.

He certainly would not start relief works, nor would he grant free railway passes, so that the workless might "clear out of Sydney."

Federal members who are to visit Western Australia next month are to have their fares paid by the Commonwealth.

Percival John Gardiner was, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, found guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy, on a charge of having wounded with intent Emma Forbes Black.

Extensive improvements are in progress at the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds. Stock accommodation has been enlarged.

William Henry Fern, a shearer, has died from arsenical poisoning under peculiar circumstances at Longreach, Queensland.

Mr. H. McLachlan, secretary to the Railway Commissioners, and Mr. J. Fraser, engineer-in-chief, are to represent New South Wales at the International Railway Congress at Washington, U.S.A., in May next.

The delegates to the Congress will represent interests amounting to £5,400,000,000.

Mr. Acting Justice Murray declared yesterday that the administration of the oath in some country courts has become an indecent and irreverent farce.

Thomas Ritch, a Barrier miner, was killed by a fall of ore in the British mine yesterday.

The suit in which Laurence Corbett sues Alfred E. O'Brien for £750, first prize of the "Sydney Thousand" last year, was before the Chief Justice yesterday.

Want of time made the match between All New Zealand and the Australian XI. a draw. Play pointed to an easy one innings win for Australia.

Armstrong bowled capitally for the visitors. Cotter was several times no-balled.

Weights have been issued for the Doncaster Handicap and the Sydney Cup. Gladsome is at the top for each race.

Mr. Carruthers visited Quirindi yesterday and inspected the Colley Creek Estate, which it is proposed to resume.

Sir George Turner replies to the assertions by Mr. Carruthers about the cost of Federation, and claims that the State Treasurer's figures are misleading.

In a case before the High Court, at Melbourne yesterday, there was some interesting argument as to the right of appeal.

The French barquentine Fanny, for which grave fears have been entertained, has arrived at Noumea.

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LOST, Sunday, bet. Rdwk. and Gore Hill, Gold Photo Medallion; reward. Norman House, Belmore-rd, R.

LOST, Pug Dog, Mick, and Black-tan Collie Dog, Rover. Reward. 58 Enmore-rd, Marrickville.

LOST, Sunday aft., Gold Pin and Chain, Greenstone Bell att., keepsake; rew. 41 Arthur-st, Lav. Bay.

LOST, Sat., silver and gold Medal, engvd., bet. Spit and Hale-rd. Rew. Myagah, Myagah-rd, Mosman.

LOST, bet. Woollahra and Sydney, G. Brooch, Druidical emblem. Reward. 150 Queen-st, Woollahra.

LOST, bet. Hurstville and Redfern stn., Friday even., Gem Photo. Rew. 21 Flinders-st, D'hurst.

LOST, Sun., Gardens, tram or Padd., G. Chain and Heart, coral, pig, bean. Rew. 381 Oxford-st, Pad.

LOST, bet. Petersham and Cricket Ground, Sat. night, gold Bangle, sapp. pearls. Rew. 359 Geo.-st.

LOST, Sunday, Enmore to George-st, Lady's WATCH, Gold Chain; reward. 84 Metropolitan-rd.

LOST, rwd., 2 Calves, 1 red, 1 white, red, brindle, 6 mths, old, fat. Burke, Wanstead, Tempe stn.

LOST, Saturday, Fox Terrier Slut PUP. 44 Bellevue-st, N. Sydney. Reward.

LOST, Gold Spectacles, Saturday, betw. University and Leichhardt; rew. 18 Mansfield-st, Glebe Pt.

LOST, Debenture for £10, Port Jackson Co-op. S.S. Co., in name P. Melit. Robey, Manly.

LOST, bet. P'matta and Bankstown, silv. Pencil, eng. J. De H. U. Reward. J. French, Parramatta.

LOST, Galah Parrot. Finder rewarded returning to 26 Perry-rd, Glebe Point.

LOST, Sunday night, Walker-st, N. Syd., small blk. silk Shawl. Kindly return 27 Walker-st. Rew.

LOST, Lady's Umbrella, left on seat at Woollahra gate, Rose Bay, Sat.; rew. 123 Stanmore-rd.

LOST, betw. Nelson, Booth, Young sts, Lady's Bk. Lace Shoe; reward. 267 Nelson-st, Annandale.

LOST, Friday, bet. Harris Park and Nth. Syd., lady's Silver Watch; reward. 27 Grassmere-rd, Neut. B.

LOST, Sat. night, bet. Bourke-st and Green's-rd, 2 Black Feathers, rwd. Miss Inglethorpe, 399 Brk.-st.

LOST, small Creamy PONY, with winkers; strayed from Arncliffe; reward. Boust, Gore-st, Arnclf.

LOST between Glebe and Sandringham, Baby's Gold BRACELET; reward. W.P., Office Australia Htl.

LOST, Bunch of 4 Keys, bet. Hyke Pk. and Coogee; reward. I.O.O.F. Temple, Elizabeth-st, city.

LOST, a gold diamond Shirt STUD; reward. Counter Clerk, Herald Office.

LOST, Parcel Delivery Book, in Kent or Sussex sts. Reward on return, to R. P. Paterson, 123 Sussex-st.

LOST, Silver WATCH, top of steps; reward. Heather Brae, MacMahon's Point.

LOST, Sunday, Randwick or Coogee, Gold Medal BROOCH; reward. H. Dodds, Cowper-st, R'wick.

LOST, Lyceum, Wed. last, lady's Purse. Finder please commun. Dr. Pockley, 227 Macquarie-st.

LOST, Fri., bet. Neut. Bay and Stanmore, gold Cable Bangle; rew. 18 Undercliff-st, Neutral Bay.

LOST, Friday, betw. Her Majesty's and Ashfield, Gold BROOCH. Finder return 304 Kent-st.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, Chestnut HORSE and MARE, mare branded D on off shoulder, horse branded X in circle 2 off shoulder. £1 reward.
D. McBEAN, Park-road, Hurstville.

LOST, in or near Moore-street, on 13th inst, CHEQUE drawn by South British Insurance Company in favour of Miss Avern for £4 4s. Anyone finding same please return to 12 Bridge-street. Payment stopped.

LOST, Saturday, CHAIN, Two Pendants, Cricket Ground and Commercial Traveller's Tickets. Reward on delivery.
Wentworth Hotel, Church Hill.

LOST, a Gentleman's Diamond Gipsy RING, Single Stone. Reward at No. 2, Basement Imperial-buildings, 18 O'Connell-street.

LOST, a Gold BROOCH, set 6 Rubies, between McKenzie-street and Redfern Railway Station, Sunday morning; reward.
A. RYAN, 41 McKenzie-street, Rozelle.

LOST, between 5 and 6 o'clock Sunday, Mosman or Willoughby tram, a Red Coral ORNAMENT. Reward. GEORGE MAIDEN, Goldsbrough, Mort, Circular Quay.

LOST, Gold-mounted Tortoiseshell BROOCH, Clark Island, or between Rushcutter Bay and Mosman's, Saturday, March 11; reward. Miss C. BOOTH, 27 Roslyn-street, Darlinghurst.

REWARD.—Will Person, picked up Lady's Umbrella, La Perouse, Sun. even., comm. W. G., Botany P.O.

REW. £5.—Lost, 5-diamond RING, Mon., 6th inst, bet. Pearl, Allen, and Wilson sts, N'town. 29 Wilson-st.

REW.—Lost, Sun. aftn., Lady's Overjacket, bet. tr. term., Mowbray-rd. J. Bailey, High-st, W'loughby.

STRAYED from Broadley Bros., Newtown, Scotch Terrier Puppy, named Curly; rwd.; detainer prosec.

STRAYED, from 37 St. John's-rd, Forest Lodge, Chestnut Mare, 100 near shoulder; reward.

STRAYED from Greenoaks, Darling Point, young Collie DOG, colour brown and white.
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WILL party who took Hamper by mistake from train at Como on Sunday kindly return same to A. BLUNDELL, 119 Regent-street, Redfern. Expenses paid.

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MEETINGS.

DISORGANISED MAIL SERVICE.
A PUBLIC MEETING OF PROTEST
will be held at the
NEW MASONIC HALL,
CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
on
WEDNESDAY EVENING NEXT,
at 8 o'clock.
Speakers:—
THE HON. J. H. WANT, K.C., M.L.C.,
SIR WILLIAM M'MILLAN, K.C.M.G.,
E. L. DAVIS, Esq. (Sydney Stock Exchange),
J. GARLAND, Esq.,
and other PROMINENT COMMERCIAL GENTLEMEN.
A. H. MOORE, Esq., President of the Employers' Federation of N.S.W., in the Chair.
RESERVED SEATS FOR LADIES.
F. WEGG HORNE, Secretary.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
The usual Monthly MEETING of this Society will be held at the Queen's Hall, Pitt-street, THIS TUESDAY NIGHT, at 8, for the exhibition of seasonable plants and flowers.
Public Invited. Admission Free.
M. H. B. BRADLEY, Hon. Secretary.

MARRICKVILLE BOWLING CLUB.
The adjourned MEETING of the above club will be held in Hall Victoria, Illawarra-road, TO-NIGHT, TUESDAY, at 8 o'clock.
Business: To receive reports of provisional and sub-committees.
A. A. M'COY, Hon. Secretary.

NEWSBOYS' ASSOCIATION.—A MEETING to arrange for the Annual Picnic will be held THIS EVENING at Bateman's Hotel, George-street, at 8 o'clock. THOS. W. PURSE, Hon. Sec.

SPECIAL General MEETING BOOT TRADE UNION, Wesley School Hall, TO-NIGHT, 8 o'clock. Business important.
T. O'BRIEN, Secretary.

L.O.L. of N.S.W.—Grand Lodge meets at 8 To-night. A. J. S. Gilchrist, G.S.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

WAVERLEY.—Lawson Ward.—Mr. JNO. C. HUMPHREY will Address the Ratepayers TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), at Charing Cross, at 8 p.m.

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NEWCASTLE RACES.
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A FAST SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Sydney for Newcastle at 10.5 a.m.; Strathfield at 10.20 a.m.; due Newcastle at 1.19 p.m. Special Train will return from Newcastle at 5.40 p.m. same day, arriving Sydney at 9.20 p.m.

RETURN FARES from SYDNEY and STRATHFIELD BY SPECIAL TRAIN:—

FIRST-CLASS, 20s, including admission to the Racecourse and Grand Stand.

SECOND-CLASS, 14s, including admission to the Racecourse and Leger Reserve.

The Combined Tickets will be available for return for four days, including day of issue.

ORDINARY TICKETS will not be available by the special train.

RAIL AND RIVER EXCURSIONS.

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY).

FOR THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.

TRAIN will leave Sydney at 9.5 a.m., and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m.

The River Trip will occupy about five hours.

RETURN FARES from Sydney and Suburban stations (including Steamer Trip): First-class, 5s 6d; Second-class, 3s 6d.

REFRESHMENTS can be obtained on board the steamer at reasonable rates.

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TRAIN will leave Sydney at 2.10 p.m., calling at all stations. Twenty-four miles by rail and 16 by steamer.

RETURN FARES from Sydney (including Steamer Trip): First-class, 2s 3d; Second-class, 1s 6d.

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H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

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BOROUGH OF ALEXANDRIA.
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TENDERS are invited up to 2 p.m. WEDNESDAY, the 22nd inst., for the following services:—
1. Removal of House Refuse and Cleaning of Gutters. (Separate Tenders for East, West, South, and Beaconsfield Wards.)
2. Day Cartage.
3. Kerbing and Guttering.
4. Removal of Nightsoil.
5. Printing and Stationery.

Specifications to be seen during office hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and on Thursdays from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
W. J. MADDEN, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Garden-street, March 13th, 1905.

BOROUGH OF ANNANDALE.
TENDERS will be received up to 4 p.m. on MONDAY, the 20th March, 1905, for Watering Johnston-street and Parramatta-road, Annandale.
Specification may be seen at the Council Chambers during office hours.
J. GOLDEN HINSBY, Council Clerk.
Council Chambers, Annandale, 13th March, 1905.

FOR SALE, Couch and Buffalo TURF, Ironstone, Gravel, etc. J. Harris, Lilydale-st, Marrickville.

HARDWOOD, OREGON, Etc., in all stock and order sizes AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. Send your orders to H. M'KENZIE, Timber Merchant, Pyrmont.

PLASTERING.—TENDERS invited. P. A. Raymond, Mt. Errington, Hornsby.

PLASTERERS.—Price wanted, labour only. Job, cr. of Anderton-st and Marrickville-rd, Marrickville.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.
TENDERS wanted for BAND for Easter Show. Particulars at office.
F. WEBSTER, Secretary.

RIM and Mort. Locks, Amer. Lock Sets, Builders' Ironmonger, 1st. prices. Longshaw, 279 Pitt-st.

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SYDNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.
TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until 3 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, for the Supply of Binding. Samples to be submitted with Tenders. Specification may be seen at the office of the City Surveyor.
THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney, 14th March, 1905.

SLATES of all kinds, at lowest; Florite Opal Wall Tiles. G. T. Cross, 2 Bridge-st. Tel., 4105.

SHINGLERS.—Price wanted, labour only. On job, rear of Alabama, cr. Anderton-st, Marrickville.

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THE METROPOLITAN COAL COMPANY OF SYDNEY, Limited.
TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to Noon of MONDAY, 20th MARCH NEXT, for the Supply of STORES and MINING REQUISITES for the above COMPANY'S COLLIERY AT HELENSBURGH, for a period of Twelve (12) Months, beginning from the 1st APRIL next. Complete copies of SPECIFICATIONS and all other information may be obtained at the Company's Office, 15 Macquarie-place, Sydney, and Tenders should be enclosed in an envelope addressed as follows:— "TENDER FOR MINE SUPPLIES."
Neither the lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted. By order of the Board.
M. F. DAWKINS, Secretary.

Sydney Harbour Trust Office, Circular Quay, 10th March, 1905.
TENDERS FOR PURCHASE AND REMOVAL OF A FERRY WAITING-ROOM.
TENDERS will be received at this office, up to 2.30 p.m., on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 15th instant, for the Purchase and Removal of the Waiting-room on the Old Lane Cove Ferry Jetty, at the foot of Erskine-street. Form of tender and further particulars may be obtained upon application.
(7a-47) HAROLD F. NORRIE, Secretary.

E. R.

TENDERS are invited, to be lodged by noon on FRIDAY, 17th instant, for the PURCHASE of 8890lb of SURPLUS SALTED SUET, packed in casks. The Suet can be seen and further information obtained at H.M. Victualling Yard, Garden Island.
J. BLAIR HICKMAN, Victualling Store Officer.
H.M. Victualling Yard, Sydney, 14th March, 1905.

TO BUILDERS.
TENDERS are invited for ADDITIONS and ALTERATIONS to the BIRKENHEAD HOTEL, DRUMMOYNE.
PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS may be seen at the offices of the undersigned, to whom Tenders are to be delivered not later than WEDNESDAY, 22nd March, at noon.
SHEERIN and HENNESSY, Architects, City-chambers, 243 Pitt-street, Sydney.

TENDERS wanted, material, labour, 8-roomed W.B. Cottage, N. Botany, 2 rooms 12 x 12 x 10, kitchen 12 x 15, passage 3ft 6in, lined throughout, verdh. 4ft, fencing 140ft, 6ft paling. [illegible] E. May, P.O., Alex.

TENDERS WANTED for PAINTING COTTAGE, Hercules-street, Chatswood. Apply R. T. FORSYTH, Penshurst-street, Willoughby. Tel., 145 Chatswood.

TENDERS will close WEDNESDAY, 1 p.m., for Stock Corsets, Underclothing, Laces, Hosiery, Ribbons, Haberdashery. Stock and sheets ready for inspection. W. J. JOHNSON, 161 Oxford-st.

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TENDERS for Small Job of Paperhanging. 172 Mullens-st, Balmain.

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TO CARPENTERS.—Tenders for small job Carpentering. Apply 42 Holtermann-st, North Sydney.

TO Bricklayers.—Tenders wanted for 1 or more Villas. I. Benjamin, Prospect-rd, Sum. H. L.O.

TO Bricklayers.—TENDERS, lab. only, for large Residence. Apply on the site, Vaucluse Jetty.

TO Oven Builders.—Price for putting Crown in Oven. A. B. C., 156 Pitt-st, early.

WANTED, Plumbers' Rollers, Folders, Stakes, Bars, etc, Price, W. E. Clare, Bridge-st, Drummoyne.

WANTED, Price for Stonework. Apply on job, bottom of Goodhope-st, Paddington.

WANTED, tenders for Polishing some fixtures. Apply St. Joseph's Ch., Albert-st, Wilhra., before 10.

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MUSICAL NOTICE.
A MEETING of Ladies and Gentlemen interested in Mandolin, Banjo, and Guitar Music are invited to meet at D. Davis and Co.'s Music Shop, 139 Oxford-street, on WEDNESDAY, at 7.30 p.m., to discuss the proposed formation of the CITY MANDOLIN, BANJO, and GUITAR SOCIETY.
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By order of the Board.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN STRAHORN, late of Wandon Wandong, near Obley, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the Final Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twentieth day of April, at half-past 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this thirteenth day of March, A.D. 1905. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. JOHN ALEXANDER BUSBY, Proctor for the Executors, Dubbo. By his Agents, LEE, COLQUHOUN, and BASSETT, 84 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOSEPHINE MARY BUTCHER, late of Petersham, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my Office, Chancery-square, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the eighteenth day of April next at twelve o'clock noon and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors of the said Will. Dated this thirteenth day of March in the year 1905. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. SLY and RUSSELL, Proctors for the said Executors, 300 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicils of COLIN WILLIAM SIMSON, late of Campyle, Melvern-road, Toorak, in the State of Victoria, Esquire, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Codicils thereto of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM DOUGLAS SIMSON, ROBERT CARSTAIRS SIMSON, and ERNEST ROBERT DE LITTLE, three of the Executors named in the said Will and Codicils, leave being reserved to COLIN COAPE SIMSON, another Executor appointed by the said Will, to come in and prove the same; JOHN SIMSON, MARGUERITE MADELINE SIMSON, and JOHN MAYNARD SIMSON, the other Executors having predeceased the said Will and Codicils, having predeceased the Testator. All Notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors for Applicants, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SARAH WAITE, late of Muttama, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EMILY WAITE, the sole Executrix named in the said Will, and creditors are requested to send in their claims at once, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. MORGAN and MORGAN, Proctors for the Executrix, Parker-street, Cootamundra. By their Agents, SLY and RUSSELL, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Matter of the Estate of ALICE RUBINA CHUTE, late of No. 10 William-street, Perth, Western Australia, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Letters of Administration granted in the State of Western Australia to PETER JAMES CHUTE, the lawful Husband of the said deceased, in respect of the above Estate, may be sealed with the seal of this Court. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. MARK MITCHELL, Proctor for Administrator, Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CHARLES HERNE, late of Worrigee, near Nowra, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to RICHARD SHEPHERD, JOHN APPERLEY, and WILLIAM ROBERT LORD MARTIN, the Executors named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, and all persons having any claims upon or affecting the Estate of the said deceased are hereby required to send in particulars of the same to the undersigned. THOMAS MARRIOTT, Proctor, Nowra. By his Agents, PERKINS and FOSBERY, Solicitors, 122 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELIZA JANE WILCOX, late of near Canowindra, in the State of New South Wales, wife of JAMES THOMAS WILCOX, of the same place, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the said HENRY JOSEPH WILCOX, of near Canowindra aforesaid, Farmer, the executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. L. A. LANE, Proctor for Executor, Lord's-place, Orange. By LANE and ROBERTS, Post Office-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN the Will of ROBERT ERNEST COOKE, late of North Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Solicitor, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills Probate and Administration Act, 1898, NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims upon or being otherwise interested in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Sydney on the twenty-seventh day of March, 1904, are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims to me, the undersigned, the Executor of the said deceased, before the twenty-ninth day of April, 1905, after which date I will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims only of which I shall then have had notice, and I will not be liable for the assets so distributed to any person of whose claim I shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. CLARENCE H. COOKE, Solicitor, Dixson-buildings, 84 Pitt-street, Sydney.

THOMAS McCABE.—Pursuant to a Judgment in the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, in an Action of "Cook v Pilcher," 1904, C. No. 122, dated the 25th day of June, 1904, and to an Order in the said Action, dated the 24th day of January, 1905, dispensing with service of notice of the said Judgment upon the persons hereinafter named, that is to say, of Thomas McCabe, of Sydney, New South Wales or Melbourne, Australia, and any person claiming by, through, or under him, the said Thomas McCabe, and any person claiming by, through, or under him, and all persons claiming to be interested in the property to which the said Action relates, who are not parties to the said Action, or have not been served with notice of the said Judgment, are hereby required to come in and establish their Claims in respect thereof at the Chambers of Mr. Justice Farwell, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on or before the 1st day of June, 1905, or in default thereof they will after the expiration of the time so limited be bound by the proceedings in the said Action, as if they had been served with notice of the said Judgment.
TUESDAY, the 20th day of JUNE, 1905, at 12 o'clock at noon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the Claims.
Dated this 27th day of January, 1905.
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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

LIVE STOCK DISEASES IN ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA.

What is held to be a satisfactory decrease in the number of outbreaks of sheep scab in Great Britain and Ireland is disclosed by the figures for 1904. In 1903 1833 outbreaks were reported in Great Britain, and in 1904 1286 was the total; in 1903 there were 655 outbreaks in Ireland, and in 1904 486 outbreaks. The British authorities state that the figures are evidence that a satisfactory check has been administered to the disease, but Australians will be apt to regard the position as somewhat appalling. A table printed in the "Times" shows that in 1877, the year in which the records were first kept, there were 3214 outbreaks in Great Britain, and the smallest record was in 1889, when 1207 were reported. It rose again to 3536 in 1896, and from that year has fallen until 1286 is the lowest since 1899. In Ireland the records began with 152 in 1880, fell to 80 in 1888, rose to 1002 in 1893, and fell to 486 in 1904. In Great Britain, Wales appears to be the hotbed of scab. Some of the English counties returned only two and three outbreaks each in 1903, and Surrey had a clean bill of health, but the principal counties in Wales were very seriously afflicted with the scourge. Curiously enough, when scab was prevalent in Australia, it was described by authorities as being most virulent and difficult to deal with, because of the high temperatures which prevailed in this country. In a comparatively brief period, however, sheep scab was stamped out of this continent, and it has been kept out ever since. On the other hand, the situation in Great Britain and Ireland with regard to the same pest appears to be hopeless, notwithstanding the cold climate. Probably the successful eradication of the disease in Australia was mainly due to the thoroughness of the intercolonial and other regulations, and the rigid administration of those which controlled the movements of sheep. Clearing the scab out of a flock was not a nice task, the incessant mustering and dipping being very irksome and expensive, but once a place was tackled the owner was very careful to guard against affected sheep touching the boundary or passing through the property. Most sheep men worked with a fervour born of the knowledge that unless stringent universal action was taken scab would remain in the country for ever. The consequence was that just about the time that Great Britain began to officially record the number of outbreaks in that country, Australia was declared free of scab. In all probability the authorities, in dealing with the trouble in the old country, are hampered by the multiplicity of small stock movements, and possibly by the influence of vested interests. When the cattle tick began to menace this State it seemed as though the influence of short-sighted stockmen interested in cattle movements, with a vacillating Government, was going to allow the pest to jump the border as quickly as is could find hosts to carry it south. The most dangerous moment had almost arrived before the Stock Department managed to secure the necessary border regulations, and so far there has been no tick in New South Wales. The value of this belated but determined action is demonstrated by the fact that, while the pest has been held in check, Queensland cattlemen have proved the efficacy of continuous dipping, while other knowledge of the best means of dealing with tick has been gained. The result is that should very wet seasons return to the northern coastal districts, and the tick make further advances, it will not be nearly so serious a trouble as it would have been a few years ago. These examples prove the absolute necessity for drastic interstate action to guard against and suppress all dangerous live stock diseases. Possibly they also go to show that a Federal department might be established with advantage to the stockowners of Australia.

THE SPINELESS CACTUS.

Of the marvels accomplished by Luther Burbank, the magician of horticulture, none is more interesting to Australians than the spineless cactus. Certain varieties of cactus are very accommodating in the matter of climatic conditions; indeed, they seem to prefer an arid or even a desert region to the stimulating influences of good soil and such a rainfall as most vegetation demands from Dame Nature. Perhaps this spartan of plants is supposed to have accomplished its mission when it makes vigorous growth under vigorous conditions, for it defends itself against the onslaughts of hungry animals with nasty spines, sharp and strong enough to keep off a hungry donkey or the omnivorous goat of the goldfields. Burbank, however, long since decided that while the cactus remained armed it could not fulfil its true mission, which he believes to be the wise provision of food supplies in parts of the world where no other plant can have its being without the aid of an artificial water supply. He has bred the spines out of the cactus, and is about to plant portion of a desert with the new spineless variety. On this he expects to see cattle thriving in the wilderness and the waste places of the earth turned into profitable cattle ranches. Already the boundless imagination of American pressmen has realised and depicted the desert blossoming with cactus flower, and millions of sleek cattle feeding over the once barren sands. The arid parts of the States of Oregon and Arizona, the great South African Karoo, and the droughty plains of Central Australia are mentioned as the country which is to be redeemed and rendered profitable by the coming of the thornless cactus. There is, of course, no question as to the wonderful power of the cactus in arid regions for accumulating and conserving moisture as it grows, and putting forth quantities of coarse yet sustaining fodder. The point that will strike Australian stockmen who take the prickly pear as the best example is as to the accessibility of the cactus when the spines are not present. There was much talk of prickly pear during the last drought, and large quantities were cooked and fed to stock. In one case it was declared that fat bullocks which came from Queensland to Homebush had been fattened on the pear, and that the cattle had actually eaten it as it grew. Some controversy ensued on this statement, and I believe it is still an open question whether stock will do any good on prickly pear that is not boiled, smashed up, or prepared in some way for easier assimilation. On the other hand, it is possible that Burbank, in breeding out the spines, may have established a finer, less fibrous, and more tender variety than the cactus which usually grows in arid regions. If that be true, and the new variety will grow where the others flourish, it should certainly prove very valuable. In certain arid sandy parts of Algeria, many years ago, experiments were tried in growing grape vines by planting the cuttings in the centre of the cactus, the vine having the necessary moisture supplied by its host. It has been reported that the vines flourished and became profitable, the apparently fierce and intractable cactus proving in this way a good friend to man.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

THE BUTTER POSITION.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Feb. 10.

As week follows week the arrivals of Australian and New Zealand butter become less and less. Last week roundly 100,000 boxes arrived. This week about 60,000 came to hand; next week about the same quantity is due; then there comes a drop of some 6000 boxes on the week. On the whole for this season Australia shows an increase and New Zealand a decrease. From July 1 to the end of this month the former's increase is 5600 tons, the latter decreases 1090 tons. The demand for secondary butters has been continued. Both New South Wales and Queensland produce of this description has arrived in comparatively large quantities of late. These, of course, have shared in the good prices obtained for secondaries. But though the margin between the quotation for secondary and choicest has remained a narrow one, best qualities have met good demand. In fact, New Zealand has crippled Danish for the time being, and prevented the Danes increasing their price. As to quality, some of the arrivals last week were somewhat irregular. The Runic's shipment, for instance, inclined that way. These butters were carried at temperatures ranging from 10 to 16 degrees, the average being a fraction under 12½ degrees. The Omrah's temperatures were a bit high this time; they ranged from 12 degrees to 28, the average being 19 degrees. After I had closed my last letter a fortnight ago demand hardened, and New Zealand went up to 105s, with both Victorian and New South Wales—the latter in the case of the best brands—being only a shilling or so behind. But these prices did not last. Holders did their best to keep them up, and for a time refused to let New Zealand go under 105s to 106s. But they were compelled to relax, and the end of last week saw the very best produce from the colony last named at 104s, with Victorian and best New South Wales at 102s and Queensland at about 98s to 100s. Early this week the market showed signs of dragging yet more, and by Wednesday prices had eased to the extent of 1s to 2s on the week. Some, however, looked upon this weakness as temporary, and due to large arrivals at the moment. With the smaller arrivals next week and the week after referred to above they hardly believe in the likelihood of continued depression, which by two days ago had brought down New Zealand to 100s to 102s for choicest, and for fancied brands of Victorian produce. In spite of this fall secondaries kept their position, and at the time when the figures last given were going for the very choicest second qualities of Australian were close up at 98s to 100s—even a less margin of difference than before. As I close this letter secondary butter maintains its place, but buyers can get the pick of New Zealand and Victorian at 102s, and of New South Wales at 100s. There is very little Queensland butter about, and that is fetching 98s.

GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES.

Some time ago I referred to the subject of labels on imported meat, and the value attaching to a Government guarantee. Evidence is now forthcoming of the worth of such guarantees, and of the jealousy with which the authorities here are disposed to guard them and to keep up their standard, thus making a guarantee an asset. Some dozen years ago, in order to assist the Danish Government in their system of inspection and marking of exported meat, an arrangement was made with the City of London health authorities that in all cases where such meat was condemned in the city markets as unfit for food the labels attached, which all bear a distinctive serial numeral, should be forwarded to the Danish Commissioner, that inquiries might be made on the other side in each particular case; and this system of returning labels was agreed to on the understanding that steps would be taken which would preclude the possibility of any diseased meat being imported from Denmark. It was hoped that the advantage of meat bearing an official guarantee would be considerable, the arrangement being made at a time when large quantities of Danish beef, much of which was diseased, were placed on the London market. So far as relates to beef, this system has had an excellent effect, reports Dr. Collingridge, the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the City of London. But, unfortunately, it has been of little if any value in relation to pigs, as many of these continue to arrive in a condition unfit for human food. The Commissioner of the Danish Government replies to this complaint that the illfed and too lean animals are killed for want of cheap fodder, and that when no sign of illness can be detected the inspectors cannot very well refuse to allow them for export, although knowing that they may look bad. Dr. Collingridge now points out that the system of returning labels was instituted on the understanding that it would cause investigation into each case, and enable the label and seal of the Danish Government to be accepted as a guarantee. He therefore suggests the discontinuance of the return of the labels, and adds that if the certificate is to be of any value in this country it must signify that the meat comes up to English standard. Though the large quantities of Danish and other Continental pork that come to Smithfield frequently affect the frozen beef, mutton, and lamb trades, the significance of Dr. Collingridge's action lies not so much in the fact that the market authorities decline to have anything to do with a country, even to the extent of assisting it, when full advantage of such assistance is not taken, but in the high value set upon a Government guarantee. Yet much Australian produce comes here without a Government guarantee, and, if all one hears on this side be true, a good many colonial producers object to such guarantee. It will have been noted that the Danish system is to attach a serial number to every carcase, so that should one prove bad it can be traced right back. The Danish system apparently has broken down owing to the widespread prevalence of tuberculosis among pigs. But that is not the fault of the system, which has been successful in the case of beef. Yet a good many colonial producers jib at even allowing an official of their own Government reporting, privately, to themselves on their own produce. To take one line as an illustration, I believe the New South Wales Government offered each butter factory the services of Mr. Lance to report upon their shipments. Great secrecy is maintained as to this, and therefore I can give nothing authoritative. But it comes to me from a good source, and I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of it, that not more than half a dozen factories have chosen to avail themselves of the offer. How a high standard can be maintained with this exclusiveness it is difficult to imagine.

FROZEN EGGS.

Are eggs to be added to the list of products Australasia sends to this country? Some couple of years ago a New Zealand inventor brought to London samples of eggs, laid in New Zealand a twelvemonth before, and stamped with date and Government mark. These proved quite fresh as far as smell, flavour, and appearance went. They had been preserved by a secret process, and certainly proved the invention to be a valuable one. I have since heard that the inventor has disposed of his patent rights in various countries. But such a process as the one described could hardly be applied to eggs produced in Australia and exported abroad. For one thing, the eggs so preserved would have to be carried in the shell, and that would mean tremendous risk of breakage. Millions of eggs, however, are imported into England every year without their shell. For such there is a constant and good market. Large cake and pastry manufacturers consume vast quantities, and view with favour anything that will do away with the large staffs of girls who have to be employed when eggs in shell are used. The girls of course crack the shells. Now all this labour is done away with when canned or frozen eggs are sent. And here between the two descriptions named a marked and important difference exists. From inquiries received from Australia it would seem the impression there is that "canned" and "frozen" are synonymous terms. Far from it, however. Each sort comes in cans, it is true. But frozen eggs in cans are merely the eggs broken, put into the can, and frozen. Canned eggs are eggs broken into cans also. But with the latter is put a preservative. And this preservative it turns out is detrimental in the baking of fine articles, such as sponge cakes and high-class pastries. Therefore, the preference is for the frozen egg, which is as good for the pastrycook as the best new-laid. The demand is a great and as stated above a constant one, and some attempt is to be made by Australian egg producers to meet it. While at the Liverpool Colonial Product Exhibition, Mr. Peppard, of the Victorian Agency-General, received three tins of frozen eggs, and submitted them for report to a large firm in Dublin. Messrs. Weddel and Co., too, have received some samples of Australian frozen eggs, and are arranging to get buyers together one day next week and give a demonstration of what can be done with the product. The result should prove interesting.

A FRUIT PESTS BILL.

"Fruitgrower" writes from Orange:—The recent meeting at Parramatta, to consider the question of legislation for the destruction of insect pests, is an admirable illustration of the utter incapacity of the Department of Agriculture to deal with a matter vitally affecting the future of the fruit industry in this State. The officers representing the department allowed themselves to be so browbeaten by the orchardists that at last they made the ignominious concession that a "mild" bill was all that was required to meet the difficulty, and in their abject deference to the fruitgrowers of Cumberland they seem to have taken their cue from the Premier, who admitted American moth-infested fruit, in despite of the law. A "mild" bill, indeed! Why, a "mild" bill would be worse than no bill at all, for it would cover up a multitude of sins, and play into the hands of the lazy orchardist. No; no "mild" bill for us. We want a drastic bill, after the Tasmanian pattern. A bill that will make a man keep his orchard clean, or cut his trees down, and a bill that will prohibit the sale of affected fruit. And why should the public pay the cost of administering a fruit pests bill? Haven't they enough taxation already? The farmer has to pay to keep the rabbit pest down, and the fruitgrowers must pay to keep their pests down. As a fruitgrower, a man who makes his living by growing fruit, I am prepared to pay my share, provided the Act is strongly drawn, and rigidly enforced. That is the kind of Act we want. Even in New Zealand, where they make no pretence at growing much fruit, there is an Act in force the "Orchard and Garden Pests Act, 1903," which provides that "the occupier of every orchard shall at all times do whatever is necessary in order to eradicate disease from such orchard, and prevent the spread thereof." Another provision is that "the occupier of every orchard in which any disease appears shall, within 48 hours after first discovering or becoming aware of its presence, send written notice thereof to the Secretary for Agriculture." It is also provided that "every person who commits an offence against this Act is liable to a fine not exceeding £20." And further, "every person commits an offence against this Act who sells, or offers or exposes for sale or distributes in any manner any plant, fruit, or package which to his knowledge is diseased or infected." That wouldn't suit the Cumberland orchardist at all, but it is a sample of the sort of Act we want in New South Wales, especially with regard to the sale of infected fruit.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

CONDOBOLIN.—To-day an occupation license area of 25,670 acres, in the parish of Wilga, South Bygalorie holding, was submitted for auction. The upset price was £5 6s 8d per section of 640 acres, but there were no bidders. An occupation license of 4950 acres in the parish of Currah, Four Bob Camp holding, was secured by Clemson Brothers at the upset price per section.

GERMANTON.—The annual general meeting of the Germanton branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association was held on Wednesday, the president (Mr. John Ross) being in the chair. Office-bearers for ensuing year were appointed as follows:—President, Mr. John Ross; vice-presidents, Mr. E. Hulme and Mr. W. J. Parker; treasurer, Mr. W. Hudson; secretary, Mr. Edward Byrne. The following resolutions were passed:—"That in order to render the waste lands in Eastern division more profitable, and to more effectually cope with the rabbit pest, all unoccupied lands having been available for a period of 12 months and not applied for should at once become available for applications under improvement lease conditions; the destruction of rabbits to be stringent, and improvements to be adjusted on the individual merits of each case. All conditions as to rent and improvements to be settled by the local land board in open court." 2. "That no one individual should be granted a lease of more than a sufficient area to maintain a home." 3. "That the Government should at once be urged to assume the same measure of responsibility in respect to Crown lands as devolves upon a private holder under the Pastures Protection Act; failing that, the Pastures Protection Boards be vested with full power to deal with all unleased reserves and Crown lands by charging fees on travelling sheep, and by any other means; all such action to be as far as possible uniform throughout the State, varied only by local conditions; the Pastures Protection Board in the district in which any doubt or difficulty may arise to be the whole and sole judge as to the matter of such variation of regulations to suit local conditions."

KIAMA.—The ballot for the new committee of the Kiama Agricultural Association resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Thomas Brown, John James, James Sharpe, Ebenezer Cole, Thomas James, Michael J. Hindmarsh, Alexr. Nicholson, James M. Miller, John Love, Hugh Colley, William Grey, William Dymock, William J. Bailey, Hugh T. Robb, John Walker, Hugh Fredericks, Charles W. Craig, Percy A. Robb, James W. Cole, Edward R. Bigg, and James Pike.

MACLEAN.—A meeting of the canegrowers on Saturday decided to suggest to the Colonial Sugar Company that should the advance in the price of sugar be maintained during the next two years the company should concede the growers a share of the extra profits thereby arising from the sale of New South Wales sugar. It was pointed out that as the scale of prices for cane in 1905-6 was fixed on the low price of sugar, and the company represented that they did not anticipate any advance, it was only reasonable to expect the company to give a concession to growers out of the increased prices. The meeting also decided not to fall in with the proposal of the Richmond River growers in asking that the old scale, with a minimum payment of 10s per ton, and a maximum of 12s, should be substituted for the new one of 8s 6d the minimum, and 13s 6d the maximum, as the latter scale was considered best for the Clarence. It was also decided to urge the Federal Government to give an early decision regarding the future fiscal condition of the industry.

TENTERFIELD.—The total gate takings, exclusive of members' tickets, at the recent show, amounted to £237. Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, in conjunction with Mr. A. Ralston, concluded the show sales late on Saturday. 240 horses were yarded, and 160 were sold at satisfactory prices, including 35 draughts from £15 to £28. The balance consisted of carriage sorts, light harness, saddle horses, and hackneys, which brought up to 18 guineas. Good prices were realised for useful sorts.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

THE BARRABA SHOW.

BARRABA, Friday.

The show was continued to-day, there being a good attendance. Great interest was taken in the pulling competition, also in the buckjumping contest. In the sheep-shearing competition A. Jones was the first and F. Urquhart was highly commended. The following additional awards were made:—

Best boy rider, under 14 years: C. Markwell, 1; H. Currell, 2. Best girl rider, under 14 years: Miss M. Cowper, 1; Miss Linda King, 2. Most useful farm horse or gelding: Chas. White, 1; H. Geddes, 2. Buck-jumping contest: Paddy Flood, 1; C. Allen, 2. Pulling competition: T. Walsh, 1; J. E. Etheridge, 2. Sheep dog trial: S. Berry, 1; S. J. Lillis, 2.

OBERON SHOW.

OBERON, Friday.

The official opening of the show took place to-day, the ceremony being performed by the president, Mr. A. Stevenson. The vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Brennan and H. Kelly also spoke. The Hunters' Plate was won by Shamrock the property of Mr. W. J. Hunt. The second horse was Hamer's Saxton Boy. The local hunter's prize was carried off by Hamer's Saxton Boy and Ryan's Newbridge. The high jump was won by Hunt's Shamrock, and the water jump by Doig's Nellie Stewart. The poultry was a good lot, and the exhibits are so numerous that the pavilion allotted was too small. Two medals awarded by the Lithgow P. P. and C. Association for the best cock and hen respectively were won by A. E. Henry, of Ryde, and the best hen by R. Pickering, of Kiama.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS' TOUR.

THE ANNUAL INSPECTION.

AN INTERESTING BLAST.

HUGE MASS OF ROCK DISLODGED.

Messrs. Oliver and Kirkcaldie, Railway Commissioners, who were accompanied by several of their principal officers, returned on Saturday from their annual visit of inspection on certain of the northern lines. The Chief Commissioner (Mr. Oliver) informed a "Herald" representative that the tour, which occupied six days, was, from a railway point of view, very satisfactory, as the lines, generally speaking, were found to be in excellent condition. A total distance of 1600 miles was traversed. The Commissioners, after proceeding as far as Burren Junction, on the north-western railway, went on to Inverell, and subsequently travelled over the main Northern line to Wallangarra. On the return journey the branch line from West Tamworth to Manilla was inspected. A good many deputations were received with reference to local requirements, and in several instances the request was granted.

Mr. Oliver stated that the great bulk of the country passed through looked very well. The New England district, in particular, presented a magnificent appearance, which had probably not been equalled for years. From Tamworth to Willowtree a similarly gratifying state of things prevailed, but a considerable portion of the Hunter River district was badly in need of rain. The condition of the stock nearly everywhere was capital, and settlers generally appeared to be in a hopeful frame of mind, many of them expressing their intention of next season increasing their areas under cultivation.

Mr. Oliver added that the Commissioners reached Ardglen, near Murrurundi, in time to allow of their witnessing an interesting bit of work at the railway quarry there. For some months previously preparations had been going on with a view to dislodging an immense quantity of metal. A charge, consisting of no less than five tons of powder and a ton of dynamite, had been inserted, and Mr. Oliver fired the shot by means of electricity. It is estimated that fully 100,000 tons of metal was dislodged, which is said to be one of the largest quantities ever obtained with a single shot from any of the quarries.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE FUND.

The monthly meeting of the council of the Queen's Jubilee Fund was held on Friday in the board-room of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, George-street. Mrs. C. B. Stephen occupied the chair, and there were also present Mesdames G. J. Cohen, George Harris, Thomas Hughes, A. J. Riley, and Mrs. W. Chisholm and Miss Dibbs, honorary treasurers. Miss Dibbs was granted nine months' leave of absence, in consequence of her departure for England. Seventeen applications for relief were considered by the council. One was refused, and £69 10s 6d was voted for the relief of 16 cases.

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With advancing years greyness increases. Stop it with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour, and preserves the appearance. Lockyer's Restorer is made in England.—Advt.

CITY MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING

A YEAR OF STEADY PROGRESS.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the City Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited, was held in the boardroom of the head office, Hunter and Bligh streets, yesterday afternoon, Mr. P. Hogan presiding. There was a large attendance. After the general manager, Mr. George Crowley, had read the advertisement convening the meeting, the chairman moved the adoption of the annual report, which read as follows.—

The directors have pleasure in submitting herewith perhaps the most satisfactory report in the 26 years' history of the society. The new business returns for the past three years are as follow.—

Year.	Proposals Received.	Amount.	Policies Issued.	Amount.	Annual Revenue Therefrom.
1902	1567	£211,204	1466	£184,828	£8072 5 2
1903	1658	221,617	1464	188,019	8404 11 1
1904	1797	236,593	1638	202,853	8059 7 11

The renewal premiums compare as follows:—

1902	£45,290 6 8
1903	45,021 15 9
1904	46,835 11 10

Thus it will be seen that the figures for the past year show a substantial improvement. This is high-water mark for the society. The renewal premiums for 1905 will, it is expected, exceed £50,000 sterling.

Both these sources of revenue are showing welcome expansion.

The other item on the revenue side, interest, compares with the two preceding years as follows:—

For the year ended December 31, 1902	£12,808 7 7
For the year ended December 31, 1903	13,436 6 4
For the year ended December 31, 1904	13,749 15 4

Although the amount is larger, the return per cent. is slightly less for the year just ended. This is due partly to the fact that the society has increased its holding of Government stock, which yields a less rate of interest than the ordinary investment, and also owing to the fact that extensive alterations and improvements have been made to the head office building, the "Olderfleet" building in Melbourne owned by the society), the Brisbane office, and other properties, and these, although of a permanent nature, have been debited to the revenue account for the year. It is well known that the securities of this society return a higher rate of interest than that of any other office doing business in Australia, and the directors at all times exercise the greatest caution in the investment of the funds.

On the other side of the revenue account, death claims, endowments matured, and surrenders compare as follows:—

1902	£31,291 16 5
1903	34,300 0 7
1904	29,046 3 8

The expenses of management for the year show a proportionate reduction on previous figures, the figures being as follows:—

1902, £14,717 8s 1d, amounting to 29 per cent. of the premium income.
1903, £14,142 8s 9d, amounting to 28.1 per cent. of the premium income.
1904, £14,227 8s 4d, amounting to 27.2 per cent. of the premium income.

The funds have been added to during the year by £20,195, and now stand at £274,907 sterling. The addition to the funds for the past three years is as follows:—1902, £4294 3s 9d, 1903, £16,316 2s 11d; and 1904, £20,194 15s 11d.

The bonuses paid by the society during the past three years have shown a steady increase, both in amount and proportionately to the premiums. The profit divided during the year 1902 was £2945, which represents a dividend of £5 16s per cent. of the premium income for the year. The profit divided during the year 1903 was £3910, which represents a dividend of £7 12s 8d per cent. of the premium income for the year. The profit divided during the year 1904 was £4664, which represents a dividend of £9 6s per cent. of the premium income for the year. The directors anticipate that the bonuses payable this year will be even more satisfactory. The directors have to record with regret the decease of Mr. John Hardie, who was connected with the institution for over 20 years as a director, during four years of which he presided as chairman. It is not intended to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Hardie, and a resolution is to be submitted at this meeting the object of which is to reduce the number of directors to four.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Hogan said:—I do not think I need add very much to the very complete report which our manager has furnished. You will see we have gone pretty closely into detail. Of course, in conjunction with other kindred institutions, we are suffering to some extent from the increased competition. That, however, does not affect us so much as it does most of the offices, because many years ago we carved out a course for ourselves, and that was to avoid the reckless rush for new business, obtained at any cost and under any conditions. I am not going to say for one moment that we are not as pleased to get a healthy application for life assurance as any other institution of this character in Australia; but I do say this, that we are not going to pay thirty shillings to get a pound, and that seems to me to be the course followed by a number of life offices doing business to-day. We have, however, no cause for complaint. You will see by the auditors' figures that our business is steadily increasing. We have no ambition to be the largest company on earth, but we have this ambition (and I am sanguine that a very few years will bring it about), of making the City Mutual the best paying life office under the Southern Cross. As our renewal premiums, which cost very little, increase, and they are increasing this year very satisfactorily indeed, the proportionate expense rate will diminish, until we get it down to a sum well within the loading added to the net premiums. It must never be lost sight of that this society issues a contract to its members more liberal in its conditions that that of any other office doing business in Australia. In the event of a member losing a limb, we pay a considerable proportion of the policy immediately. Should he have the misfortune to lose both limbs, we pay as for a fatal accident. We consider the assured in such a case, for all practical purposes, dead to the world. We grant a most liberal paid-up policy, more liberal, in fact, than any other Australian office; we give our members free hospital attention should they require it, and when a claim is made upon us our object has always been not to see if any loophole exists for non-payment, but to strain a point in favour of the assured. I can assure you, gentlemen, that out of the one hundred and fifty or one hundred and sixty claims that are made upon us each year, there are at least fifteen or sixteen where, if the directors were bent on looking for flaws, grave irregularities could be pointed out. In one case the age is understated many years; in another case the family history is given altogether wrong; in a third the answers as to habits or personal history are shown to be very different to that given when the proposal was submitted. When we are considering a proposal, the fullest inquiry is made into the antecedents of the assured, and in arriving at a conclusion we are very materially assisted in our decision by the extremely careful supervision given to each and every proposal by our esteemed chief medical director, Dr. Jarvie Hood, whose valuable services to the society during the past fifteen years I take this opportunity of recording. But it is sometimes, in spite of the greatest care, impossible to ascertain facts which subsequently come to light. Unless, however, in the case of very grave fraud, the policy of the institution has been to generously consider and pay in full every claim made upon it, and when I point out to you that in the 26 years' history of the City Mutual we have paid over 2000 claims for sums aggregating over a quarter of a million sterling, and have only resisted payment of two claims, I think I need say nothing more to convince you that no bona-fide policy-holder in this society need have the slightest hesitation in leaving himself in the hands of the management. I am happy to say that satisfactory reports are being received by us from all the three States in which we are doing business, and I anticipate that this year's results, when published, will be even more pleasant reading than the figures and facts which I am submitting to you to-day.

MR. J. A. I. PERRY'S REMARKS.

Mr. J. A. I. Perry seconded the motion. He had been connected with the society for many years, and had watched its growth with much interest. The report was that of a very successful year's work, and though the society had its share of the troubles incidental to the business, the directors and management had in his opinion equalled, if not exceeded, their warmest anticipations. He thought it desirable that life offices should have more cohesion. Life offices had everything in common, and for some purposes should come together for a common agreement. So far as the City Mutual figures were concerned, however, they were a matter for congratulation.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted unanimously.

DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR.

The chairman moved that the number of directors should be reduced to four. The motion was seconded by Mr. George E. Bryant and declared carried.

The retiring directors, Messrs. O'Farrell and Hogan, and the retiring auditor, Mr. Winton, were re-elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

MAILS DIFFICULTY.

THE REPORTED MODIFIED OFFER.

Mr. Sydney Smith, Postmaster-General, was asked yesterday whether he had anything to communicate to the press respecting the modified offer stated to have been submitted to him by Messrs. Scott Fell and Co., in connection with the carriage of the English mails. "I have absolutely nothing to say on the subject," was the Minister's reply. There is little doubt, however, that the Postmaster-General has received an amended tender from the firm mentioned, and that he is giving the question close consideration.

"By the way," remarked Mr. Smith, "you know, of course, that the English mails by the China were delivered in the city this morning. Under our contract, 662 hours were allowed for the conveyance of the mails from Brindisi to Adelaide. The China covered the distance in 24 hours less. That gave us an accelerated speed of about 58 hours over that offered by the Orient Company. The China arrived at Adelaide on Saturday, and the special train for which I arranged, so that the mails might be delivered at the earliest possible moment, arrived at Sydney between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning. That was not so bad, after all, was it?" And Mr. Smith was apparently thoroughly satisfied with the working of this arrangement.

A public meeting of protest against the present disorganised mail service will be held in the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. A. H. Moore, president of the Employers' Federation, will preside.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. W. E. Johnson, from his letter in your issue of Friday in reference to the "mail muddle," is apparently subject to the error that seems common to so many of our Australian politicians of the present time—that of believing that a serious loss and inconvenience to one part of the community does not mean a corresponding loss to every other part, whilst vice versa, a gain to one part is not a gain to every other. He evidently does not believe the old saying, "If one member suffer all the members suffer with it." That is the root of much of the evil of our existing politics. The class that has for the nonce the controlling power cares for legislation for that class only, and the depression that has consequently fallen on other classes is but the shadow of the depression that has fallen on the class that has been trying to legislate for its own exclusive benefit, with the inevitably disastrous result that the injury done to other parts of the community has reacted upon itself. This is probably a natural result in a growing country of the advent of a class new to politics, and who, unheeding of the lessons of history, see nothing in new legislation but the one small result that was aimed at, and cannot forecast all the wide side-issues. Till our politicians are educated to take a broader grasp of principles there seems no prospect of improvement. But cannot our older and wiser men give heartier help and better leading than at present, and so hasten a better time? At present we seem to be the hands of children playing at politics.

I am, etc,
O. M.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—After careful perusal of the report of the speeches of the members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Ministerial replies, and the views advanced in your leading columns, concerning the mail contracts, I deem that the Commonwealth Administration has shown by its action that it will not be coerced, and that it has, in the persons of Mr. G. H. Reid and Mr. Sydney Smith, men of business capacity—a quality too often absent in our Executive officers in their ranks. Can anyone conceive a more impudent proposition than that which Mr. Sydney Smith stated had been made to him, viz., to make the dividends of a large English company up to 5 per cent., thus bolstering up a company at the expense of the taxpayers of the Commonwealth. Would the proposition ever have been made had the company not rated the average politician as being unpossessed of any business capacity, and hoped to find those in authority of a similar calibre. But luckily for the Commonwealth Mr. Sydney Smith was in office, and by his determination that he could not honestly recommend the Orient Company's offer for acceptance showed that he was not to be bamboozled, that he had the grit to put up with the odium his action was sure to bring upon him temporarily by the unthinking and interested individuals, and that he was a trustee in whose hands the people's money was safe; and in all this his chief accorded him that firm support which gave his refusal to listen to the company's tender double weight. And had he accepted the tender would he not have been caught napping? If the P. and O. Company can and do run a fortnightly service on a subsidy of £85,000 a year, or about £1650 a trip, why, in all conscience, should another company ask £140,000, or £2500 a trip, which one member of the deputation talked so glibly about being not excessive? And what should we all have dubbed the man or Executive that gave it but lavish administrators, or, indeed, worse? As Mr. Smith pointed out, the company receiving £85,000 was the more expeditious of the two, and did more work, carrying eight days' matter to the other's six. One of the members of the deputation talked about the Government watching Parliament instead of the interests of the people at large, but I opine that the action Mr. Reid and Mr. Sydney Smith are taking is more in the interest of the public at large than rushing into a contract which will commit the Commonwealth to an expenditure of £55,000 or £60,000 a year extra, when by careful and tactful management and by some temporary inconvenience that money may be saved for the people. And should that tender for £140,000 be accepted (of which, thanks to the firm attitude of the Premier and the Postmaster-General there is no chance), does anybody imagine, would anybody ask the P. and O. Company at the termination of their present contract to accept anything less than £140,000 for the renewal of their contract? As the Prime Minister pointed out, prices are coming down, not going up; ships are built cheaper than they were a decade ago, more powerful machinery is carried today than a few years back, and locomotion on shore and at sea is every day being improved. Rates of freight must, from competition and other reasons, fall, and so contract prices must not be allowed to rise. You call, and the deputation calls, this temporary (for the Prime Minister assures us that the aim before the Government is a steady weekly service) inconvenience or dislocation of business a "retrograde" movement. What would be a retrograde movement would be a rise in the rates of postage to Europe. How would members of the deputation and merchants generally and "the public at large," who are so boldly referred to, like to pay five pence instead of five halfpence for each half-ounce going to Europe? We hear no offer of putting up with such an impost from any of the leaders who formed the deputation. For myself, I venture to highly commend the ability, firmness, and careful trusteeship of the people's money which have been displayed by the Ministers of the Commonwealth who have had the dealing with this matter, and I welcome the innovation which their action has made by showing that politicians can be practical business men, and not birds to be caught by chaff, which they were evidently deemed to be by the tenderers.

I am hopeful that out of this misunderstanding the greatest good may yet arise by the Federal Government being forced to take the matter of communication between Australia and Europe into their own keeping. Next to the mail service—indeed, I was about to say before this service—the question of offering the best and most up-to-date means for the export of our products in vessels of high speed, with proper refrigerating machinery, and at a rate of freight that takes the man on the soil out of the clutches of the rings and inner rings of shipping combines, and will ensure to him a reasonable profit for the product of his labour. This proposition, I say, should go, if not before, certainly with that of the mail service, and I feel confident that if the Prime Minister will but propound and lay before the public a big scheme to meet those two ends, he and his Ministry will be vigorously supported, and the money would be forthcoming in one week from a Federal loan raised locally throughout the different States.

I am, etc,
W. N. WILLIS.

GOOD TEMPLARY.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan District Lodge, I.O.G.T., was held on Saturday. The annual report showed that during the year circumstances had transpired which caused the severance of the order with the N.S.W. Alliance, which action was heartily endorsed. The election of officers resulted as follows:—D.C.T., G. W. Shearer; D.Co., G. E. Clark; D.V.T., Miss Finch; D.S.J.T., Mrs. Towson; D.E.S., G. Bennett; D.Sec., H. R. Russell; D. Treas., E. Hampton; D. Chap., T. Harris; D. Mar., Bellhatchet; D.G., Grayson; D. Sen., Barter; D.A.S., Miss Catts; D.D.M., Mrs. Moxon; D.M., Turville.

During the adjournment for tea, Miss Wright, G.V.T., who is leaving shortly for a trip to the old country, was invited to take tea with the officers and members of the lodge. Eulogistic speeches were made, and the self-sacrificing and untiring efforts of Miss Wright for the cause of good templary for many years past were recognised by all present, and the hope was expressed that she would have a very pleasant and enjoyable trip.

CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF FIGS cleanses and refreshes the system, dispels headache and feverishness, and permanently overcomes constipation.—Advt.

CATARACT DAM CONTROVERSY.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

MR. T. W. KEELE EXAMINED.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the dispute regarding the Cataract Dam resumed its sittings yesterday, under the presidency of Mr. Stewart Murray, M. Inst. C.E.

Thomas William Keele, C.E., M.I.C.E., president of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, read a statement embodying the evidence he desired to place before the Government. In this witness said that the Under-Secretary for Public Works had prepared and handed in to the commission a printed statement, and in his evidence given before the commission on March 8 he stated that the paper related to the gaugings of the streams; to the rainfall on the Sydney water supply catchment; and to minutes by the Minister for Public Works, by Mr. Keele, and himself; also to records of conferences that had been held relating to matters in dispute. In making this selection of statements, minutes, and records of conferences at the Reference Board, and with the Minister, Mr. Davis appeared to have chosen all those which went to support his own views, much of which had no bearing or reference to the present matters in dispute, viz., the gaugings of the streams, the rainfall and run off, and the quantity of water which should be stored in the reservoir. The witness proceeded to criticise Mr. Davis' statement, especially referring to his comments on Mr. Coghlan's paper on the "Discharge of Streams in Relation to Rainfall," read before the Society of Engineers, and Mr. Davis's comments on Mr. C. W. Smith and his methods. The witness was then questioned:—

In your opinion are the river gaugings reliable?—In the light of recent information I think they are as a guide to enable us to reach a conclusion on this matter.

Did you until recently look upon them as reliable?—When the diagram was prepared in 1902 for submission to the Public Works Committee I considered the gaugings then sufficiently reliable to guide us as to the height the dam should be built. I must say that, since that time, I have had some doubts as to the reliability of the gaugings as a basis for determining the additional height to which the dam should be raised. By additional height I mean up to the statutory height, the Minister having decided to adopt a height less than the statutory height. Therefore, having these doubts, I have been at very great pains to ascertain how far the gaugings may be trusted, with the result that I am now (if Mr. Scouller's investigation is ultimately found to be correct) quite satisfied to adopt the gaugings for the purpose of deciding the ultimate capacity of the dam.

What capacity is that referred to as the statutory height?—So much as would be impounded by a dam of 150ft to top water level above the natural river bed. The Act provides for a dam of 150ft, assuming that it will impound 18,200 million gallons. From recent calculations, however, it now appears that a dam of the statutory height will impound 21,411 million gallons.

Referring to the diagram of the behaviour of the Cataract Dam, accompanying exhibit A, when this was produced before the Public Works Committee, explanatory of the proposed height of the dam, it is not the case that the drought of 1901-3 had not culminated?—Such is the case.

Had you foreseen that the drought would continue to May, 1903, would you have recommended the construction of a higher dam than one to impound 18,000 million gallons?—Had I foreseen this, I would have recommended a higher dam, knowing that water would be available from time to time to fill it.

Are you aware that if a dam to impound 21,000 million gallons had been in existence in 1900 it would still have been necessary to draw to the extent of 5000 million gallons from Prospect Dam in 1903?—No, I am not aware of this in the light of our present information as to the under-estimation of the gaugings, and also with the knowledge that in such an emergency we might have operated on Prospect Reservoir at an earlier stage of the drought, in order to save the water in the Cataract Reservoir, and make room in Prospect for freshets from the Nepean, Cordeaux, and part of the Cataract, which would otherwise have run to waste. At trifling cost, also, the crest of the Pheasant's Nest diversion weir might have been raised so as to divert a larger volume into the Nepean tunnel up to the maximum capacity of the canal.

The commission adjourned till 10.30 a.m. to-day.

"TOO PAINFUL TO BEAR."
ANOTHER PROOF FROM NEWTOWN.
THE CASE OF MR. W. S. HART.
(By a Local Reporter.)
"When I was living at Cairns, in Queensland," said Mr. William Samuel Hart (this statement, by the way, was made at his residence, No. 44 Toogood-street, Newtown), "I was very bad owing to some internal derangements, and I don't mind telling you that the pain I had was too much for any mortal man to bear."
"Was it ever severe enough to incapacitate you from work?" questioned the reporter.
"I should rather say it was. Why, it used to fairly cripple me sometimes. I remember once the pains across the lower part of my back being so bad that I dropped off a horse I was riding at the time, and, you may believe it or not, as you like, but if my life had depended on it I could not get up again. And you can further gauge my sufferings by the fact that on more than one occasion I had to take to my bed, and stay there for five or six weeks at a stretch. Oh, they were weeks of misery if you like—couldn't read owing to my sight being affected by a peculiar haziness, and a feeling in my eyes that they were too large and too heavy to keep open, and matters were rendered still more disagreeable by the almost continual presence of headaches that fairly racked my brain. Unless I got up from a chair very steadily I would receive such a shock of giddiness that for the moment I'd almost totter and fall, so I had to be careful; but it was not often I stirred myself more than necessary because my energy was so sadly lacking."
"How did you get on at meal times? Could you eat fairly well?"
"As a rule I had no appetite at all, but when I did eat I felt worse than ever. Pains caught me in the stomach, and made me feel wretched. The same part was also filled with gases that arose from the food that I could not digest, and for a time I could do nothing but belch. Why, even if I only took a drink of water I'd start belching as if I had only been swallowing so much wind, and what a sickly taste I had in the mouth, too! all going to prove that I was bilious and generally out of order. My chest would give one the impression that a piece of rock was inside it, so oppressive was the sensation, and, as if everything had combined to make my life as miserable as possible, the sleep I used to enjoy when my health was good now steadfastly refused to put in an appearance. There I was, night after night, as wakeful yet as tired as possible, and as each morning came round again I felt almost fatigued to death. Now, nothing I tried could alter this condition but Clements Tonic, and I have told scores the same thing. I give you my word that before I was advised to try Clements Tonic I was at my wit's ends what to do to regain my health, and I firmly believe that no other remedy but Clements Tonic could bring it back to me. I say this from my own experience. But what a marvellous medicine it proved in my case can be gathered from the fact that I was well again in no time. Almost at once Clements Tonic made me eat heartily, and it had such a soothing effect on my nerves and my system generally that I never failed to sleep soon after going to bed. For the permanent relief from the pains about my back, chest, shoulders, and stomach I shall always be grateful to Clements Tonic, which was equally sure in removing my headaches and other distressing ailments. As long as I live I shall advise the use of that remedy for nervousness and weakness, as in every manner possible Clements Tonic made a new man of me."
"Shall we spread this news, Mr. Hart?"
"You are at liberty to publish it in any book or paper in existence, because my story will help others to throw off their complaints in the way I did."
STATUTORY DECLARATION.
I, WILLIAM SAMUEL HART, of 44 Toogood-street, Newtown, in the State of New South Wales, Commonwealth of Australia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of three folios and consecutively numbered from one to three, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish in any way my statements—which I give voluntarily, without receiving any payment; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously, believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.
William S Hart
Subscribed and declared at Erskineville this fifth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and four, before me,
T. TROY, J.P.
NOTE.—Never take a package of Clements Tonic from a retailer that is tampered with in any way. Refuse every package that is not neat and clean, or where the labels are broken or where the carton is plastered over with advertisements. Report every attempt at imposition to us.—Advt.

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BIRTHS.

BERNARD.—March 8, at her residence, Thorncliffe, Wharf-road, Gladesville, wife of H. W. Bernard—a son.

POOLMAN.—February 10, at Condong, the wife of Geo. G. Poolman, of a son.

WILSON.—March 2, 1905, at Coolgardie, Western Australia, the wife of D. A. Wilson, Manager State Battery—a son.

DEATHS.

AIREY.—March 13, at St. Elmo, Elizabeth Bay, Colonel Geo. Airey, late Royal Marines and Royal Australia Artillery, in his 63rd year.

BONAMY.—March 11, at the residence of his grandparents, Ruby-ville, Robert-street, Petersham, Linden Stanley, the dearly loved infant son of Stanley and Myrtle Bonamy, aged 1 year and 3 months.

COLLIS.—March 13, at his residence, Sarahville, Parramatta-road, Burwood, Alfred Collis, born March 22, 1827, aged 77 years.

CRISFORD.—March 11, at Orange, Eva May, beloved daughter of H. F. Crisford, aged 5 months.

HAZLETT.—March 13, at her residence, Fern Glen, South Gundagai, Mary, relict of late R. A. Hazlett, in her 68th year.

KENYON.—March 13, 1905, at his residence, 84 Grassmere-road, Neutral Bay, Robert Kennedy, eldest son of the late J. F. Kenyon, late police magistrate of Grafton, aged 25 years.

NICKLESS.—March 13, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Samuel Nixon, dearly loved son of Charles and Louisa Nickless, after a short and painful illness, aged 19 year and 10 months.

IN MEMORIAM.

ARMOUR.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Fanny Armour, who departed this life March 14, 1904. Also, our dear father, Samuel Armour, who departed this life March 21, 1904.

Lonely the home and sad the hours
Since our dear parents have gone;
But for a better world above,
In Heaven is their home.

Inserted by their loving daughter and son-in-law, Fanny and Caleb Robards.

ARMOUR.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Fanny Armour, who departed this life March 14, 1904. Also, my dear father, Samuel Armour, who departed this life March 21, 1904.

Dearest loved ones, we have laid thee
In the peaceful grave's embrace;
But your memory will be cherished
Till I see your heavenly face.

Inserted by their loving son, Charles Armour.

ARMOUR.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Fanny Armour, who passed away March 14, 1904; also our dear Father, Samuel Armour, who passed away March 21, 1904.

It's one sad year ago
Since our dear parents passed away,
The trial was hard, the shock severe,
To part with those we loved so dear.

Inserted by their loving son and daughter, Harry and Harriet Green; also son, Samuel Armour.

ARMOUR.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Fanny Armour, who departed this life March 14, 1904. Also our dear father, Samuel Armour, who departed this life March 21, 1904.

Their voice is now silent, the hearth is now cold,
Where their smile and their welcome oft met us of old.
We miss them, we mourn them in silence unseen,
And dwell on the memories of joys that have been.

Inserted by their loving daughter and son-in-law, Ada and Henry Carruthers.

ARMOUR.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Fanny Armour, who departed this life March 14, 1904. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Will and Rose Armour.

CROFT.—On March 14th, 1902, at Northam, Western Australia, Eugene Langham Croft, aged 27 years.

DOIG.—A loving tribute to the memory of my dearly beloved wife and our mother, Mary Doig, who died at Burlington-street, North Sydney, on the 14th March, 1904. Inserted by her sorrowing husband and family. R.I.P.

EYLES.—In sad but loving memory of our darling child, Ethel Mary, who departed this life March 14, 1904, aged 2 years 10 months. A sweet bud in heaven. Inserted by her loving parents.

MORTIMER.—In loving memory of our dear daughter, Annie Mortimer, who died at Glenroy, Flemington, March 12, 1902. Dearly loved and sadly missed. Inserted by her loving parents, J. and E. Murphy, and sisters and brothers.

POULTER.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Ernest Percival Poulter, aged 23 years, killed on the Narrabri-Wee Waa railway, March 14, 1903.

Take warning by his sudden call
That you for death prepare;
For it will come, you know not how,
No matter when or where.

Inserted by his loving wife and children. Jessie Poulter.

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AN ARMY BLOTTED OUT.

General Kuropatkin, with the remnant of the army which was to dictate terms of peace at Tokio, has fought his way through to Tie-ling. He reports that of the 300,000 men whom he commanded a few days ago, over 200,000 are killed or wounded or missing, and that 500 guns have been captured by the Japanese. From another source we learn that the number of Russian dead and prisoners is so enormous that the Japanese are hardly able to deal with them. There is no parallel in modern history to this amazing defeat. One calls vaguely to mind the retreat of the great Napoleon from Moscow, with its constant daily addition to the death-roll. But here famine and cold were the main agents, and when the French army, with its mercenaries, was engaged in battle victory crowned Napoleon's eagles. To General Kuropatkin, the foremost of Russian soldiers, has fallen the unenviable lot of being driven from post to post by a despised enemy, and finally of being defeated, on ground of his own choosing, with the severest loss known in the annals of warfare. The General's army has been blotted out, for all practical purposes, and the remnant will think itself lucky if the Japanese do not succeed in cutting off its retreat to Russian territory. General Kuropatkin was at Tie-ling when last we hear of him, and there was one Japanese force ten miles to the south of this town, and another 20 miles to the north. Stranger things have happened in this extraordinary war than the capture of a Russian Commander-in-Chief.

It comes strangely to British ears to learn that General Kuropatkin has chosen this moment to ask the Czar's permission for his retirement from the command of the remnant of the Russian army in Manchuria. But in all fairness to a man whose record hitherto has been and is now of the highest, it is right to remember two or three things. Especially one has to bear in mind that the Russian nation has been paying for the *maintenance of an army of 1,000,000*—instead of the 300,000 whom Kuropatkin led—in Manchuria. The money which ought to have been spent in the maintenance of this million of men, who only existed on paper, has been diverted to other channels. The Russian army, in fact, has been robbed by persons who came between it and the money-producers. Then it is to be remembered that General Kuropatkin has on several occasions before this asked to be relieved of his command. We can with difficulty imagine a British General acting as Kuropatkin has done; but then the circumstances would be different, and however things might turn out, a British force would be supported by the public sense of the importance of the position. There is no such support behind General Kuropatkin, and he has probably had to deal with, or to take cognizance of, flagrant breaches of *loyalty and of discipline*. It is safe to say that nothing less than the knowledge of the worthlessness of his weapons would have prompted a great soldier like General Kuropatkin to throw down his arms. Possibly herein lies a chance for the establishment of peace. With Port Arthur fallen, with the Russian fleet within the sphere of hostility placed absolutely out of consideration, with the greatest Russian General of the day forced after an overwhelming defeat to talk of resignation—is not this a time when friends of Russia will advise her to make peace? Whether or not Japan will be well advised in accepting such proposals for peace as may be made is not our concern; but, plainly, it is now time for Russia, with her fleets and her armies annihilated, to acknowledge that she made a mistake in beginning the war.

MR. REID AT THE PROTESTANT HALL.

The Prime Minister had his opportunity last night, and it is for the country and his constituents to say how they approve of the manner of his making use of it. He is called upon to give the Commonwealth a definite lead, and his address at the Protestant Hall last night embodies his reply. On a careful dissection, it will be found possible to distinguish several salient points in that utterance, one of which is that Mr. Reid does not favour a dissolution until the Federal electoral rolls are corrected and brought up to date—a statement which may or may not recall how useful at least one other Federal Ministry found these rolls on a previous occasion, now quite a long while ago. In the second place, we may gather that Mr. Reid resents press criticism, on the ground that it aspires to dictate his plan of campaign. The implication here is that the press is something distinct from public opinion, or else that the politician in Mr. Reid resents any interference by public opinion between himself and his ideas of political expediency. Public opinion is even forbidden to distinguish between this political expediency and mere party tactics, at the risk of incurring Mr. Reid's severe displeasure. On these points, no doubt, public opinion will be found sufficiently formed and intelligent to be capable of judging for itself, as it has done before when it happened to coincide with the views of Mr. Reid. Again, the Prime Minister last night made an appeal to his hearers and the Commonwealth to sink the fiscal issue. He invited protectionists and freetraders alike to suspend their fatal strife in the face of the larger issue, which he indicated in a spirited peroration as involving the denunciation of the socialistic-labour conspiracy against the principles of the Constitution.

Here we come to the practical part of the Prime Minister's address, but a perfectly friendly though discriminating analysis of it does not lead us an inch farther on the road than did Mr. Reid's statement published on Monday week. In both we are asked to see what has been long since recognised, that organised political Labour, working on socialistic lines, in absolute disregard of all other considerations, is a growing menace to the well-being of the Commonwealth. That has been manifest to everyone since the Labour party claimed the right to drive the first Federal Ministry; and observers of our progress from the other side of the world, like the London "Times," point that out in the plainest of plain words. It is quite time that a Federal Prime Minister who is not exactly "persona grata" with the Labour party recognised and declared the same thing. But the real question which the public opinion that Mr. Reid distinguishes from the press has to ask itself is: What are we going to do about it? Our political leaders must give us a lead. In the course of the Prime Minister's remarks last night he had occasion to touch on such subjects as the "white Australia" clause in the Postal Act and the immigration restrictions. By way of interjection, which happens to be another despised form of the expression of public opinion, he was asked why he did not repeal these obnoxious enactments. Mr. Reid's reply made reference to political suicide and other tragic and sensational elements in the existing political situation, but it did not adequately reply to the implied reflection on what looks like an abnegation of Ministerial leadership and responsibility, which Mr. Reid sought to excuse because the last general elections did not give him a sufficient majority.

What the country has to say to this is that it is time the Prime Minister left the past and addressed himself to the stern realities of the existing situation. Are we to be told that the future is to be governed by the past? Or are we to have a bold and courageous leader, strong in the assurance of public support behind him, who will break away from those occluding and restraining influences, and help the federation to make a fresh start? That is the question before the public mind just now, but it happens to be the very question that Mr. Reid has shirked. He apparently thinks more about personal political suicide than about the broad interests of the Commonwealth. What is this but political opportunism of the most baneful kind? If Mr. Reid had before him the examples of those British statesmen on whom our Australian politicians once aspired to model themselves, he would see clearly and without hesitation where the plain line of duty lies. On his own showing, his majority of two is not enough to guarantee that political independence of the Ministry which is essential to constitutional responsibility. Are we, then, to drift from disaster to disaster, or make a stand at once and prepare for the future by organisation? Mr. Reid knows as well as the public opinion whose printed expression he resents that in the present state of the Federal Parliament it is simply impossible for him to make headway against the socialistic peril he has pointed out. In the House of Representatives he has a majority of two, which may be lost by the merest accident. There the Labour party controls the situation, but the same has to be said with regard to the Senate. Only a dissolution and a new election can remedy that state of things, and Mr. Reid said last night that a few instances of obstruction would be sufficient to precipitate a dissolution. The choice, he said, lies between fight and useful work. Public opinion is quite capable of judging for itself what the probabilities of useful work are. We are therefore called upon to consider whether we are to wait upon these possibilities, or to face the inevitable, and by organisation prepare to meet it. That is the question we have to confront.

MR. SEDDON AND THE EMPIRE.

There is a spacious vagueness about Mr. Seddon's references to the possibility of his being called to London at no distant date to assist in the counsels of the Empire. We have heard of old of the great proconsul hurrying homeward from his legions, summoned to consult the fathers of the State, and it may be that in modern times Mr. Chamberlain demands aid. The New Zealand Premier has given "the Empire" so *many* object-lessons both in "how to do it" and in "how not to do it," and he has shown such remarkable ability in seizing upon golden opportunities of advertisement, and he is in fact in many senses so great a man, that some unusual apotheosis might fairly be expected. Glowing patriotism, in this connection, has always been part of Mr. Seddon's "foreign policy." He it was who when fiscal salvation by preference was already threatened with decadence sent that historic cable to the people of Great Britain: "Though abandoned by our kindred with respect to preferential trade we shall still persevere in our proposal to give it on our side, although assured that we shall have a cold shoulder in return." But that was only a slight instance of the Imperial magnanimity of Mr. Seddon. Uncontrolled Dictatorship inspires men with strange ambitions. We do not know that Mr. Seddon has even yet set out to "teach eternal wisdom how to rule," but he has certainly shown no inclination to draw the line at British statesmen. It seems sacrilegious to translate this imposing prophecy into the common clay of politics; but the fact is that when translated it merely means that Mr. Seddon will appoint himself to the prospective High Commissionership of New Zealand. For some time past he has been actively touring the constituencies, and the present visit to the northern district, where neglect of railway construction has reduced enthusiasm to sober respect, is part of a comprehensive survey of the field of battle. Perhaps it was the cold sympathy of Whangarei that turned Mr. Seddon's thoughts to pastures new. No doubt it would be hard to find a better representative, if one were wanted, so far as keeping the colony in the public eye is concerned; but Mr. Seddon would probably be disappointed to find that even High Commissioners only catch the crumbs from the "counsels of the Empire."

The fact is that New Zealand is by way of being an exceedingly good country for its political head to get out of. The splendid solidarity of liberalism which gave birth to the Ballance regime has disappeared, and though the dictatorship of Mr. Seddon has been four times endorsed—no mean record—that is an endorsement that has been gained by almost open opportunism. Not that Mr. Seddon is to be blamed for the part he has played. New Zealand is in the unhappy plight of being a great deal too "progressive." Of course the political philosophers fall out among themselves, and the result is distracting enough to anyone who essays the art of government. Mr. Seddon has succeeded so far by playing one set of faddists against another. He has a strong personal following, and none of the political sectaries that break away are able to take the field alone. The only question for Mr. Seddon has been who shall come in under his wing. His Ministry began by leading the world in labour legislation, but it is part of the "dreadful example" that labour is very far from satisfied, though it has incidentally raised wages and put up prices to suit. "Stagnation," say those who are promoting a Labour party, "is death, labour is making no progress, Parliament is reactionary, and the Premier is at the head of the reaction." That stagnation recently included an amended Early Closing Act so drastic as to be inoperative, and a State Fire Insurance Department that has demoralised rates! But the fault of growing conservative, which is common to many radicals, is not Mr. Seddon's only sin. An aggressive land nationalisation section finds him Laodicean. A prohibition party, which he captured in the elections of 1893 and 1896 with a reasonably liberal Liquor Act, looks askance on later amendments dictated, as it is put, by the liquor men. One great question, indeed, of the moment is, Will the no-license people coalesce with the new labour section? Again, after years of sectarian peace and a progressive policy of secular education, the Bible in schools cry has been re-raised with great strenuousness. Mr. Seddon was opportunely opportunist in this regard, but at last his secular common sense got the upper hand, with the consequence that numbers of good people now metaphorically pass him by on the other side. Another section wants referendum, the whole referendum, and nothing but the referendum. So far, Mr. Seddon has shown great skill in these troubled waters, but a quiet harbour in the shape of a Commissionership has obviously much to recommend it, to say nothing of the "counsels of the Empire."

SHORTENING LEGAL PROCEDURE.

There is perhaps little doubt, as was pointed out by the State Chief Justice on Friday last, that if it had been possible to constitute two Courts to sit in Banco last Term his Honor would not have had to express regret that the opening sitting of the year should have produced a considerable number of remanets. But another view of the case presents itself to those who have carefully considered the question of how the procedure of the Courts may be expedited. The maxim that the law compels no man to do impossibilities applies to our Judges as well as to the members of the public generally, and perhaps with more force, seeing what momentous issues are sometimes submitted to them for determination. In their case too the axiom "hasten slowly" is peculiarly applicable; but practical people are apt to inquire whether our present judicial system is not overburdened with methods which, however suitable half a century ago, prove an unnecessary brake in these days upon the progress of legal business. Sir Frederick Darley mentioned that a number of new trial motions, the rules nisi in which were granted earlier in the same Term, had to go over, and this suggests the query whether the appeals could not have been disposed of without the necessity of preliminary ex parte applications. Motions for rules nisi have this advantage, that, however conscientious and careful a counsel may be, he is liable to give a too highly coloured statement of appellant's case, which respondent is not able to combat. It is true that the latter may be represented by an able and learned gentleman, with what is termed a "watching brief," but by an amusing fiction he is not supposed to be present. Should he venture, however mildly, to suggest that his opponent is, in *his* opinion, not outlining the evidence correctly, his interference is indignantly objected to as coming from a person who has no status at that stage of the proceedings. Then, again, the granting of a rule nisi is frequently a mere matter of form where the Judge presiding at the trial of the cause reserves leave to either side to appeal; but this initial step means the throwing over of the argument on both sides for weeks. It is questionable, too, whether after all the respondents in the majority of cases save expense, and they are compelled to undergo irritating delay until the "rule absolute" period is reached, when they are entitled to be heard. If both parties were called upon when the memorandum for a rule nisi has been filed it is a fair assumption that valuable time would be saved in the administration of the State appellate jurisdiction, and a tangible advantage gained.

The Prime Minister in Sydney.—Mr. G. H. Reid spent a pleasant evening with his friends and supporters last night. The festivities began with a tea and a social gathering at Baumann's. Mr. Reid then went on to the Protestant Hall, which was well filled, ladies being in rather numerical superiority. The Prime Minister, who was accompanied by Mrs. Reid, had a very cordial reception. Sir James Graham and Mr. J. Garland gave short speeches in support of a complimentary resolution, after which Mr. Reid spoke for an hour. He was in a genial mood, and after a tilt at the Labour party, a reference to the trials of last Parliamentary sessions, and a little admonition of the press, he concluded with a call to freetraders and protectionists to cease fiscal strife, in order to meet the socialistic party with a united front.

The Premier at Quirindi.—Mr. Carruthers and party reached Quirindi yesterday morning, and met with another of the cordial receptions which has marked his northern progress so far. To him, personally, the primary object of the visit was general politics, and not to see the Colley Creek estate, now under consideration for closer settlement resumption. But to the district and community he and his colleague, Mr. Ashton, were first of all bright heralds of release from the rigid bounds of land locking estates. The town is squeezed in between the grip of several estates, ranging from forty thousand to a quarter of a million acres, and it cannot expand unless the law makes a way out. A large party escorted the visitors over Colley Creek estate, and after an 18-mile drive lunch was spread on the natural sward beneath the shade of rich apple and yellow box trees. Then the town was sought by a different route, and in the evening there was a public dinner. Speaking at it, Mr. Carruthers suggested that as a part of local government the local bodies ought to be given power to resume infringing lands for the purpose of spreading the town within reasonable limits. The company was most cordial to the Government, and Ministers had the pleasure of hearing another public assurance of support from a free lance member. The convert this time was Mr. Perry (Liverpool Plains), who is thoroughly satisfied with the Government policy.

The Minister for Works and the Unemployed.—Another deputation from the unemployed waited upon Mr. Lee, Minister for Works, yesterday, and asked that something be done to provide them with work. The deputation consisted of three men, who said they represented a body of several hundred unemployed, who were anxiously waiting outside the building to hear the result of the interview. The speakers declared that the Government were practically shutting down all works, instead of endeavouring to find employment for the workless. This statement drew from the Minister the somewhat heated remark that such an assertion was arrant nonsense, as there was more work going on in the country, such as road works, etc, than had been the case for a long time, "and," he added, "there's the railway station going on; there are the new roads being made at the Centennial Park, and there are the South Head roads." Mr. Lee ended the interview by informing the men that he was straining every nerve to push on the works authorised by Parliament, as far as the money was available. More than that he could not do, for he certainly would not start relief works. In answer to a request by the deputation for free railway passes, "so that we can clear out of Sydney," the Minister said he tried that system once with the best of motives, but it was so abused that he was determined not to inaugurate it again.

Complaints by the Unemployed.—The members of the deputation which waited upon the Minister for Works yesterday to request that more work might be provided for the unemployed, detailed a number of grievances. In the first place, they made the now familiar complaint about favouritism in connection with the selection of men employed on the Centennial Park roads, and asserted that men had been engaged in other ways than through the Labour Bureau. Mr. Lee remarked that some men registered at the Labour Bureau under one name and at the Trades Hall under another; some declared at one place that they were single, and at the other that they were married; and no doubt in some cases those dodges succeeded, and led to the charge of favouritism. The speakers then declared that the gangers were putting on men on their own responsibility, but Mr. Smith, engineer in charge of the work, who was sent for by the Minister, showed that the complaint was groundless. Mr. Lee very emphatically remarked that it appeared to him that every system which had been introduced with a view of assisting the unemployed was disapproved of by the men themselves. It should be remembered, he added, that no system could possibly be devised that would give work to everybody.

Deputations Arranged.—The Minister for Public Works has arranged to receive a deputation, to be introduced by Mr. John Hurley, M.P., at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, with reference to the road to Victoria Falls. At 2.30 p.m. on the same day he will receive a deputation in connection with the proposed extension of the railway to the Necropolis. At 2.30 p.m. to-day a deputation will be introduced to the Chief Secretary by Mr. W. T. Dick, M.L.A., in connection with promised grants and other concessions to the Newcastle Hospital.

Movements of Ministers.—Mr. Lee, Minister for Public Works, left Sydney last night for Narromine and Dubbo. At the former town he will inspect a proposed site for a bridge, and at Dubbo will officially open a new bridge over the Macquarie. He will return to the city on Wednesday or Thursday. Mr. Moore, Minister for Mines and Agriculture, will leave to-day for Gulgong, where he will open the annual show, returning on Thursday or Friday. During Mr. Ashton's absence in the country the business of the Lands Department is being shared by Mr. Moore and Mr. John Hughes, Vice-President of the Executive Council.

Glenrock Lagoon.—Situated some few miles southward *from* Newcastle, Glenrock Lagoon has been a local attraction for many years, both for juveniles in search of an ideal bathing place and for seekers after the picturesque. Yesterday it attracted the attention of his Honor Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, in a suit in Equity brought by the Attorney-General against the legatees of the late Mr E. C. Merewether, and others. In 1840 two grants were made to Robert Dawson by the then Governor, Sir George Gipps, being lots 25 and 26, parish of Kahibah, county of Northumberland, each containing 50 acres, and one abutting on Glenrock Lagoon. The Crown contention is that Glenrock Lagoon is an estuary of the sea, and that under the grants 100ft from high-water mark is reserved to the Crown, making an area in the one case of seven acres one rood—that is the land facing the lagoon; and two acres two roods and twenty-six perches facing the sea coast. The defendants, in reply, say that they never attempted to claim the latter land; but as to the seven acres one rood, they hold that Glenrock Lagoon is not a "harbour, inlet, or creek," as set forth in the grants, and therefore they are entitled to the land. As a fact, it is said to have been in the nominal possession of Dawson's assigns ever since, and the Crown is now seeking to recover it.

Cataract Dam Inquiry.—The commission appointing Mr. G. A. Wilson, chairman of the Public Service Board, to conduct an inquiry with reference to the discrepancy between the probable cost of carrying out the Cataract dam scheme, and the estimate furnished to Parliament when the work was authorised, will be issued to-day. A preliminary meeting will be held without loss of time, and the commissioner will then visit Cataract, so that he may be better able to understand the whole of the circumstances of the case. It is expected that the inquiry will be open to the press, as is that now being conducted relative to the height of the wall to the dam.

"An Indecent and Irreverent Farce."—At the opening of the Central Criminal Court yesterday Mr. Acting Justice Murray said that he had for many years past sworn witnesses in all Courts himself. He had adopted that course because some Court officers did not administer the oath properly. In certain country courts its *administration* had become really an indecent and irreverent farce. Outside the question whether the oath was properly administered by an officer of the Court, his Honor thought that its administration was a matter of such vital importance that it should be undertaken by the highest officer of the Court. He had found the duty that he had taken on himself, however, more arduous than might be imagined, and especially on a heavy day with his mind closely concentrated on the evidence. Under these circumstances, he thought that he could adopt a middle course, and accordingly had asked the associate to perform the duty. He would not fall back upon the ordinary practice, which he thoroughly disagreed with, no matter how competent the Court officer was to discharge the duty, because he did not think that witnesses were sufficiently impressed. His Honor then "conscientiously surrendered" the work he had been doing so long to his associate.

Ocean-street Tram.—As instancing the discontent existing with regard to the fares charged on the tramline to Vaucluse, the support of the Woollahra Council was sought at its last meeting, for the purpose of furthering a petition to the Railway Commissioners, embodying a request for the extension of the sections on that line. The petition was numerously signed by residents of Double Bay, Rose Bay, and vicinity, who sought to have the second section extended to William-street, Double Bay, instead of as at present to Ocean-street, and the third section to Dover-road. In support of the request, it was pointed out that on the Bondi line 2d was charged to the Junction, a distance of three miles 24 chains, while for a similar fare on the Vaucluse line passengers were only carried two miles 31 chains, or a difference of one mile three chains in favour of the former. The council decided to support the petition.

Cyclists at Law.—It is a coincidence that while the contest for the present year in the "Sydney Thousand" is proceeding, two cyclists are disputing in the Supreme Court as to who is entitled to the first prize of £750 in a similar event run last year. Corbett and O'Brien were first and second respectively in the race, but the latter lodged a protest, on the ground of interference by another rider named Plunkett. The protest was, however, dismissed. Subsequently, the council of the League of Wheelmen held an inquiry into an allegation of collusion among certain contestants in regard to the running of the race, and Corbett was disqualified, with others, and the first prize awarded to O'Brien. The former is now suing to recover the amount of the prize, on the ground that at the inquiry he was improperly disqualified, as he was not called upon to answer any charge, and was not allowed to address the council in his defence. During yesterday's proceedings there was a considerable gathering in the Banco Court of cyclists and other persons interested in the sport. The case is not yet concluded.

Wreckage on the Coast.—The floating wreckage sighted early last week by the master of the ketch Wave, at a spot about 15 miles due east of Terrigal, has been washed ashore at Barranjoey, and, in order to establish the identity of the vessel to which it belonged, an officer of the Water Police was yesterday despatched to the scene. It appears, from the investigation made, that the wreckage consists of a portion of a deck-house, and bears the name of "S.S. Indradevi," together with the date 22-2-05. The Indradevi, which belongs to the Tyser line, sailed from Sydney on February 23, in continuation of her voyage from London to New Zealand ports. She safely arrived at Auckland on February 28, and does not appear to have encountered heavy weather on the voyage across. On the contrary, Captain Trotter reported a good passage from Sydney, and no mention was made of the loss of any of the deck fittings. The Indradevi is now in port at Napier. The date 22-2-05 on the wreckage, when first noticed by the master of the Wave, was mistaken for the official number of the vessel to which it belonged.

The Women's Parliamentary Debating Union held their first debate on Friday last at the School of Arts Pitt-street, the subject being the "Habitual Criminals Bill." Mr. D. Carmichael acted as speaker, and Mrs. Harbord presided over committees. Several new members handed in their names.

The New South Wales State Military Band, under the auspices of the City Council, will perform in Wynyard-square at 8 o'clock to-night.

The residence of Mr. David Valentine, Prince Albert-street, Mosman, was entered by burglars on Friday night. The thieves entered by a window, and succeeded in getting away with jewellery valued at £20.

The sale of work in connection with the Bourke-street Congregational Church proved successful, the amount realised, including donations, being £235.

Information has been given to the police that at about 9 o'clock on Saturday night two men assaulted and robbed Frank Ryan while he was walking through the Domain. Ryan states that he was robbed of a hat and 9s.

The names of Miss A. Partridge and Mr. G. Kilminster were inadvertently omitted from the names of the committee of the Bridges memorial, published on Saturday.

The Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society held a public meeting on Sunday night last, when addresses were given on "Karma," "Death and Life," and "Elevating Influences."

"Sufferer" complains that in a recent "Gazette" notice the increments due to all of the messengers above £100 per year and a good many below that sum have been stopped.

The mails which left Sydney by the R.M.S. Britannia on February 7 arrived in London on the 10th inst.

The amount of stamp duty paid in respect of the estates of deceased persons during the week ended 11th instant was £300 0s 1d.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

Lord and Lady Northcote returned to Government House, Hobart, yesterday, from a tour of Tasman's Peninsula, including Port Arthur. They expressed themselves as being greatly delighted with the trip. The weather throughout was favourable. The party travelled on two motor cars. The tyre of one was punctured on the return trip, and a delay of about an hour was caused.

Mr. Dugald Thomson, Minister for Home Affairs, left Sydney last night for Melbourne. He expects to remain in the southern capital for some time, as various matters arising out of the Hobart conference require his attention, and his desire is to expedite them as much as possible.

Sir Malcolm M'Eacharn has resigned his seat in the Melbourne City Council, his medical advisers in England having recommended him to abate both his public and private work for some time longer.

Mr. H. M. Hamilton is prosecuting for the Crown at the sittings of the Central Criminal Court, which opened at Darlinghurst yesterday. Mr. Hugh Pollock, the Crown Prosecutor and late Solicitor-General, left at the end of the year for England, he having received six months' leave of absence.

The staff of Messrs. Waters and Co., Limited, met on Wednesday evening to say farewell to Mr. Walter S. Radford. Mr. Carter, the manager, presented Mr. Radford with a handsome gold breastpin, set with rubies and pearls. The recipient made a feeling reply. Mr. Radford, who was principal window-dresser at Messrs. Waters and Co., is starting business on his own account in New Zealand.

Colonel George J. Airey died at his residence, St. Elmo, Elizabeth Bay, yesterday, at the age of 63. The deceased officer was for many years in the New South Wales Artillery, but retired in July, 1896, on a pension. He was a member of the Soudan Contingent in 1885, and was mentioned in despatches. In the sixties, whilst in the Royal Marines, he saw some fighting with the Rewa River expedition.

Our Bombala correspondent telegraphs that Mr. John Rutherford, of Minto, Bibbenluke, died suddenly on Wednesday afternoon. He was 61 years of age. The funeral took place on Sunday, and was largely attended, the remains being buried on the estate. The deceased being a Mason, the Masonic service was read and a large number of brethren of Mountain Lodge attended in regalia.

A communication has been received from Adelaide reporting the death of Doctor Gorger, at Cannes, France. He was at one time a leading medical man in Adelaide.

Mr. John Kenny, a well-known old resident of Braidwood, died yesterday.

Mr. Patrick Quinn, who made a fortune out of the famous Golden Gate No. 3 and 4 South, and was the largest shareholder in the Golden Gate No. 8 South Block, died at Croydon, Queensland, yesterday.

Our Noumea correspondent cabled yesterday that Commandant Radisson, the head of the infantry, died yesterday, and will be accorded a military funeral to-day.

THE CARISBROOK TRAGEDY.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

There are no further developments in regard to the Carisbrook poisoning sensation excepting that Mrs. M'Leish is not so well to-day. She expresses a wish for her own death, and strict watch is kept over her. The funeral of the child James Walter M'Leish took place to-day. A magisterial inquiry was begun and adjourned. The other boy is getting on well.

TO-DAY.

New South Wales Church Missionary Association Annual Sermon: St. Andrew's Cathedral, 4.30 p.m. Annual Meeting: Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.45 p.m. Tea: 6 p.m.
Marrickville Bowling Club Meeting: Illawarra-road, 8 p.m.
Boot Trade Meeting: Wesleyan School Hall, 8 p.m.
United Outdoor Gospel Mission: Haymarket, Druitt-street, Market Wharf, Queen's Statue, Circular Quay, Miller's Point, 7.45 p.m.
Newsboys' Association Meeting: Bateman's Hotel, 8 p.m.
Shakespeare Society Meeting: Royal Society's House, 8 p.m.
Horticultural Society Monthly Meeting: Queen's Hall, 8 p.m.
Unitarian Church Lecture, 8 p.m.
Firemen, Deck Hands, and Ferrymen's Excursion: Clifton Gardens. Steamer leaves Bald Rock 7.30 p.m., calling Stephen-street, Darling-street, and Fort Macquarie.
New South Wales Trotting Club: Epping Course, first race, 2.25 p.m.
National Sporting Club: Boxing Contest, evening.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Orchid," 7.50 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Woman and Wine," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "The Broken Melody," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Shooting the Chutes and Tobogganing: Manly.
Zoological Gardens, Moore Park: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg." Illusion. Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

COMPULSORY VOTING.

The Prime Minister yesterday informed a "Herald" representative that the reports that the Federal Ministry was considering a proposal to make voting by electors compulsory was altogether unfounded. "So far, at any rate," he said, "we have given the question no consideration. At first blush it appears to me that to make voting compulsory would play into the hands of the organisations at the expense of the mass of independent electors, for trades unions, temperance societies, religious organisations, and so on, would take good care to see that their members recorded their votes, while the electors who were not associated with any of these would have no one to keep them up to the mark in that respect, and would possibly become submerged." Mr. Dugald Thomson, Minister for Home Affairs, also states that the question has not come before the Ministry for consideration. "Of course," he observed, "it would be an excellent thing if every elector could be made to record his or her vote, but I can see great difficulties in the way of carrying that idea into effect, and how those difficulties are to be overcome is a problem which at present I can see no means of solving."

REDISTRIBUTION OF ELECTORATES.

Mr. Dugald Thomson, in conversation with a "Herald" representative yesterday, said that in connection with the redistribution of electorates, revision courts were being held in New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland, where, as previously announced, commissioners had been already appointed, and were now studying the figures available preparatory to entering upon their work so soon as the courts had completed their tasks. In Western Australia there had been some delay because of the difficulty of getting completed lists. It was not yet certain, though, that a redistribution would be necessary in the case of that State, although he could not speak with certainty on that point until the lists were ready for printing.

POPULATION STATISTICS.

The Minister for Home Affairs is endeavouring to get the State Statisticians into agreement as to the figures upon which the representation of the States in Parliament is based. According to the returns sent in, the population of Victoria, he says, is considerably behind the number that would entitle that State to 23 members, and, in fact, is only a shade over the number that would give it 22 members, while the population of New South Wales is just a fraction over the total entitling it to 26, and consequently this State becomes entitled to 27 members. The calculation for New South Wales is 26.51, and for Victoria 22.020. The figures, Mr. Thomson adds, will have to be closely examined and reconciled before it can be definitely said that New South Wales is entitled to another member.

TRANSFERRED PROPERTIES.

Questioned as to what he was doing in regard to the transferred properties, Mr. Dugald Thomson said yesterday that he had entered into the matter with Mr. Carruthers, whose departure for the country had interrupted their discussion of this important question. He would, however, lose no time in reopening the matter upon Mr. Carruthers's return. "I have to see the Premier of Western Australia in Melbourne to-morrow," said Mr. Thomson, "and I have arranged in the department that preparations shall be made to carry into effect the decision of the Hobart conference. There is a vast amount of detail work to do, the list of transferred properties being tremendous, and one reason that takes me back to Melbourne so soon is that I may give effect to the Hobart arrangement with as little delay as possible."

A FALSE IMPRESSION.

Mr. Dugald Thomson, Minister for Home Affairs, states that the report that 15 new offices in his department have been created is calculated to give a wrong impression. He says no new appointments have been made; all that has been done being the conversion of 15 temporary officers into permanent officers in accordance with the Act. Their salaries were placed on the Estimates by the late Government, and passed by the present Parliament.

FEDERAL VISIT TO PERTH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Arrangements for a visit of the Federal members to Western Australia next month are approaching completion, and it is stated that Sir William Lyne and Messrs. Watkins, Wilks, Willis, Webster, and Johnson are among the New South Wales members who have accepted the invitations of the Western Australian Government. Other members are Messrs. Phillips and Tudor and Senator Trenwith (Victoria), Messrs. R. Edwards, Fisher, Page, Senators Stewart, Givens, and Dawson (Queensland), Mr. Hutchison, Senators M'Gregor and Storey (South Australia), Senators Keating and O'Keefe (Tasmania), and Senators Croft and De Largie (Western Australia). Berths have been secured for them in the R.M.S. China, which leaves on the 6th of next month. It is understood that the Federal Government will pay the fare for these members on board the steamer, and when they arrive in Western Australia the Government of that State will be their hosts. There may yet be a few additions to the list of members who propose to go.

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION ACT.

APPEAL TO THE FULL COURT.

PERTH, Monday.

In the Full Court to-day, a Chinaman, named Ah On, alias Hing Kee, appealed against the decision of Mr. Walter, P.M., in a conviction under the Federal Immigration Restriction Act. Ah On was charged in the City Police Court with being a prohibited immigrant, and Mr. Walter upheld the charge and ordered his deportation. Ah On appealed against this order, on the ground that although he had not been able to write out correctly the 50 words that had been dictated to him by the immigration officer at Fremantle, he had not been asked to sign the paper on which he had attempted the writing. The Full Court upheld the appeal, and cancelled the order for deportation, on the ground that the immigration officer should have asked Ah On to sign the paper.

THE OVERDUE STEAMER.

THE PILBARRA REPLACED.

No tidings have been received of the A.U.S.N. Company's steamer Pilbarra, believed to be drifting helplessly somewhere between Noumea and Fiji. The steamer Yaralla, which is engaged in making an exhaustive search for the missing vessel, will not probably be heard from for a few days yet. The hope is entertained that she will succeed in picking up the Pilbarra and tow her safely to the nearest port. As already indicated, there is a possibility that the overdue steamer will be fallen in with by one of the steamers employed in the trade between Sydney and the New Hebrides, and in that case news of the Pilbarra will first reach Sydney from Norfolk Island, where the Tambo is shortly due.

In order that there may be no interruption in the passenger and cargo service between Sydney and Fiji, via Noumea, the A.U.S.N. Company yesterday decided to temporarily replace the Pilbarra by the steamer Warrego, a vessel of 1552 tons, at present engaged in the Sydney-Brisbane cargo trade. The time-table will be strictly adhered to, and the Warrego will be despatched from Sydney to-morrow week, the 22nd inst—the original sailing date of the Pilbarra.

SUICIDE AT ADELAIDE.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Spencer Hall, wife of the manager of the Bank of Adelaide at M'Laren Vale, committed suicide by cutting her throat. Mr. Hall left his wife in bed at half-past 7, and upon returning to the room half an hour later found that she had taken her life. The deceased lady was of a nervous temperament, and had been depressed for some time on account of the illness of her son, but had never given the impression that she contemplated such a deed. At the inquest the jury found that deceased took her life while temporarily insane.

COST OF FEDERATION.

ALLEGATIONS OF MR. CARRUTHERS.

THE FEDERAL TREASURER'S REPLY.

THE STATE TREASURER'S FIGURES INFLATED.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Sir George Turner, the Federal Treasurer, issued his reply to Mr. Carruthers to-day on the subject of Federal expenditure in New South Wales, and answers his strictures on the subject of Commonwealth extravagance. It is as follows:—The report of Mr. Carruthers' statement is that the "Federal bill of expenditure in four years has mounted up from £900,000 to £1,500,000," the four years being evidently intended for the period since Federation.

THE INCREASE.

The alleged increase shown is £600,000. The detailed figures (even if correct) amount to £528,250. The years between which the comparison is made are State expenditure for 1898-9, with the estimated Commonwealth expenditure for 1904-5—a period of six years instead of four as stated. The figures quoted for the first year are the expenditure on transferred departments only, and not even the whole of that. The figures for last year include the expenditure of £147,183 on new works and buildings, which in the first year was paid almost wholly out of loan fund, and also include £154,456 for new expenditure under the Constitution.

STATE METHODS.

In the estimate of this year is included £43,323 for various items properly chargeable against the departments, but in the State years only about one-third of these amounts is included. They are spread over other departments, where it is almost impossible to trace them. For example, the sum of about £10,000 is in the State years included in the Attorney-General's Department for increments to officers in the Post Office. It is very difficult to ascertain the total expenditure in the departments prior to Federation. The Treasurer of New South Wales omits to point out that no matter what grievances the people may have, so far as the Treasury is concerned it has little to complain of through Federation. During the four years, after paying the whole of the New South Wales proportion of the new expenditure, amounting to £534,446 (including £95,609 as the New South Wales portion of the sugar bonus, in relation to which £113,700 has been paid to New South Wales growers), over £5,000,000 has been received by the State from the Customs and excise revenue in excess of the collections for 1900, the year before Federation. If I were a resident of New South Wales I should feel inclined to ask, "Where is that £5,000,000 now?"

THE TRUE POSITION.

In order to ascertain the effect of the Commonwealth administration in connection with transferred departments, a fair comparison is the cost of the departments in 1900-1 (the last year when the State had control) and the present year, and the comparison must be on the same basis, not omitting a large sum (as has been done in the figures supplied) in the earlier years, and including it in the later. The following is a correct comparison, omitting new works and buildings formerly constructed out of loans:—

	1900-1.	1901-2.	1902-3.	1903-4.	Estimate. 1904-5.
Customs..	£60,376	£62,881	£70,449	[illegible]	[illegible]
Defence ...	279,319	276,756	261,419	[illegible]	[illegible]
Post office	811,642	798,713	834,839	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total ..	1,151,337	1,138,412	1,166,707	[illegible]	[illegible]

The total increase in four years was £70,711.

The total cost of the Customs, Post Office, and Defence in 1900-1, including arrears which had to be paid in the next year, is as follows:—

Actual payments, including services borne on votes of other departments	£1,1[illegible]
Arrears	[illegible]
Total	£1,2[illegible]
Allowance for arrears paid for previous years (approximate) to be corrected by the State Treasurer, who no doubt has information	£60,[illegible]
Total cost in 1900-1	£1,151,33[illegible]
Total estimated cost for this year.	£1,222,0[illegible]
Increased cost in four years	£70,71[illegible]

A COMPARISON.

There will, I hope, be a saving on the estimated expenditure, which will reduce the increase, and I give the comparison the advantage of arrears (£7082) paid this year for last year, although the amount might fairly be deducted as this year's. The estimate includes the cost for the whole year, in addition to the arrears brought forward.

Compare the cost under State control in 1898-9 (this may include a small amount paid for new works, and if so this should be deducted)	[illegible]
Add paid by other departments, same as in 1900-1, although probably it was less	[illegible]
	[illegible]
Cost in 1900-1	[illegible]
Increase in two years	[illegible]
As compared with Commonwealth increase for four years	[illegible]
In new works and buildings, now payable out of revenue and this year is (the actual amount will probably be less)	[illegible]
Compare with expenditure by State out of loan moneys in 1900-1....	[illegible]
Ditto, out of revenue in 1900-1......	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]
Or a decrease under the Commonwealth of	[illegible]

The total similar expenditure during the years has been £447,658. What was it in the four years prior to Federation? So far as the increase of £70,711 is concerned, it must not be overlooked that a large part of it is in consequence of the State laws, namely:—

Increments to promotions of public servants, allowing for savings made on filling up vacancies ..	[illegible]
Pensions	[illegible]
Loss on Pacific cable	[illegible]
And in consequence of holding over repairs prior to federation, extra expenditure is occasioned of	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

COMMONWEALTH INCREASES.

The Commonwealth has fixed the minimum wage at £110, and is responsible for this extra cost, now about £15,000 per annum, and the expenditure of the naval subsidy, £[illegible] more this year. In the Defence Department a large number of the military forces who were in South Africa in the last State year, and their pay had not to be provided, so that the expenditure was that year, I am informed, reduced by about £15,000. The Treasurer should, in fairness, have pointed out that the Customs Department now collects £2,[illegible] instead of £1,955,547 in 1900-1, and at an estimated increased cost of £11,246. The Post Office is necessarily a growing department. The revenue in 1900-1 was £[illegible], while this year it will be £925,400 (not including £9600 for Savings Bank work), an increase of £91,459. To earn this more men must be employed, and a far larger expenditure is necessary for maintenance and repairs. Telegraphs, telephone, wires, extra postal facilities, have to be afforded (the complaint is that the Federal Government does not do sufficient in this direction), and extra money have to be paid to the railways, which the State gets the benefit of.

The increase in the Post Office is £[illegible], of which the increase in salaries (including increases in the minimum wage and additional men), amounts to £66,000. The complaint as to extravagant expenditure in transferred departments is absolutely without foundation. Mr. Waddell, in his budget statement, very fairly said, "I have every reason to believe that the transferred departments are as well and economically managed by the Federal Government as ever they were by this State." New works are for the now paid for out of revenue, but are far less than formerly. New South Wales can well afford to do this out of extra Customs revenue. The State has also been relieved of a considerable amount of work in the audit, treasury, supervision works, and other matters. For some of these services the Commonwealth now pays the State, thus increasing the Commonwealth expenditure. The matter may be summed up as under:—

Increase in the transferred departments, £70,711.

New works and buildings (formerly out of loan), £147,183.

Share of new expenditure (including sugar bonus), subject to reduction by [illegible], £154,456.

Sir George Turner, in conclusion, says: "I shall be glad if Mr. Carruthers can point out any errors I may have made in the comparisons, as I have frequently in budget speeches mentioned that I had great difficulty in ascertaining the actual cost of the departments in 1900-1.

RUSSIAN DEBACLE.

WORSE THAN A DISASTER.

JAPAN'S VICTORY OF VICTORIES.

ENORMOUS LOSSES OF RUSSIANS.

KUROPATKIN IMPLORES LEAVE TO RESIGN.

The Battle of Mukden is in truth the greatest battle the world has witnessed. According to Japanese estimates the forces were about equal—350,000 men each. Now the Russians have lost in killed, wounded, and prisoners 200,000 men and 500 guns. The booty is immense.

General Kuropatkin, with a remnant of his immense army, broke through to Tie-ling He desires to resign the post of Generalissimo, alleging want of mental and physical rest.

The piercing of the Russian line was the decisive movement of the battle of days. Mukden was then doomed, and the victorious Japanese closed round columns of retreating Russians, annihilating them or compelling them to surrender.

BATTLE OF MUKDEN.

RUSSIAN DIVISION CAPTURED.

HAIL OF HAND GRENADES.

LONDON, March 13.

Details of the battle of Mukden show that the retirement of the Russians from the Sha-ho to the north of the Hun-ho was orderly, though great piles of ammunition were abandoned. The rapidity of the pursuit by the Japanese rendered the strong defences north of the Hun-ho untenable. The Japanese captured the bridge end of the defences south of the river, thus compelling the Russians to destroy the railway bridge.

The Japanese crossed the river just before the ice softened, bringing their guns on pontoons with them.

RUSSIAN LINE PIERCED.

The central army pierced the Russian line about ten miles east of Mukden, dividing the Russians into two. Then commenced the general closing of the Japanese on Mukden from all directions.

General Oku's right occupied the city on Friday morning, while another column, pushing north from the Pu-ho, 13 miles north of Mukden, engaged in a hand to hand combat with a large column of retreaters, eventually surrounding and capturing them.

During the duststorm on Thursday the advanced batteries of the Japanese advanced nearer Mukden, and otherwise improved their positions. During the height of the storm an uncanny stillness prevailed in the city. The streets were deserted, and the shops were shut.

RETREAT BECOMES A ROUT.

The Russians evacuated Mukden on Thursday night, leaving the lights burning in the houses so as to deceive the Japanese. The Russians marched by the road on the east side of the railway. At first the retreat was orderly, but the rapidity of the Japanese pursuit and the difficulty of advancing under a heavy fire on both flanks soon caused stampedes and wholesale abandonment of stores, guns, and waggons.

At dusk on Friday the rearguard reached San-tai-tse, on the railway 10 miles north-north-east of Mukden, when it was thrown into great confusion by a sudden onslaught of Japanese cavalry, who threw hand grenades amongst the panic-stricken Russians.

EARLIER ESTIMATE OF LOSSES.

Around Mukden the Russian dead were too numerous to inter. General Zerpitsky died of his wounds.

General Nakhimoff, an officer of the Russian General Staff, captured by the Japanese, informed a representative of a French newspaper that the Russians' losses exceed

100,000 men,
100 siege guns,
300 field guns.

REARGUARD ACTIONS.

General Kuropatkin, who is with the Second Russian Army, states that there was no fighting on the night of Friday (10th), and that General Guershelman, with the rearguard, held positions at Chu-tai station on Saturday morning half way (20 miles) between Mukden and Tie-ling.

General Kuropatkin, in a despatch dated Saturday evening reports:—

"The Japanese on Saturday only attacked the Third Siberian Army Corps. The First Army is echelonned in front of the other armies, and continues to retreat on the positions appointed for all armies. The rearguard of the Third Army occupied on Saturday a position on the Mandarin-road, 17 miles south of Tie-ling, and is confronting a small force, consisting chiefly of Japanese cavalry.

"The Russians missing from roll call from February 28 to March 11 were:—

"Officers, 1100.
"Men, 46,391."

HOPELESS CONFUSION.

ONE GREAT CHAOS.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN MAD.

A Russian newspaper correspondent describes the retreat as a rout. Everywhere there was panic owing to the furious firing of the Japanese artillery. The whole country between Tawan and the Puho and the railway was one great chaos. Baggage trains were all hampering and crowding each other, only intent on getting away.

For several hours the troops were in hopeless confusion. Clouds of dust made it extremely difficult to see even the direction of the road. Ultimately the panic diminished, and the troops then attempted to collect some of the abandoned waggons.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of a French newspaper describes the retreat of the Russians as a debacle. Some soldiers became mad, and fired on their own side. Others bayoneted trees in mistake for Japanese. Many wept, and lay on the ground, making the sign of the cross.

Whole brigades surrendered without orders.

ENORMOUS LOSSES.

RUSSIANS NEARLY ANNIHILATED.

FIVE HUNDRED GUNS CAPTURED.

The Tokio correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reports that the victory of the Japanese is overwhelming. The number of the dead and the prisoners is so enormous that the Japanese are hardly able to deal with them. The total Russian losses—killed, wounded, and prisoners—is estimated at—

Officers and men	200,000
Guns	500

Telegrams from St. Petersburg to Paris newspapers confirm this estimate.

The Japanese have captured a vast amount of bullion.

TWO DIVISIONS SURRENDER.

Two divisions of Russians were surrounded by the Japanese west of Mukden, and were nearly annihilated. The Russians were caught in a trap, and fought desperately, but the hellish hail of artillery and hand grenades compelled them to surrender.

One Japanese force is now ten miles south-west of Tie-ling, and another is 20 miles north-west of Tie-ling.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF DISASTER.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Times" telegraphs that General Kuropatkin has reached Tie-ling with the remnant of his army. He asks the permission of the Czar to resign, alleging that he has urgent need of physical and mental rest.

Official despatches record the losses of the Russians as—

Officers and men, over	200,000
Guns	500
Colours	20

KUROPATKIN'S ERROR.

Though the worst is withheld, the Russian public is stupified at the disaster, as the despatches from the front published last week related only successes. Had General Kuropatkin ordered a retreat on the 8th inst (Wednesday), as he first intended, he would have averted disaster. When he retreated on the 10th (Friday) the Japanese swarmed from east to west, and placed batteries commanding his line of retreat.

By sacrificing his guns, General Kuropatkin saved part of his forces, though the retreat was a sauve qui peut. The first fugitives reached Tie-ling within 30 hours of the commencement of the retreat.

TWO ARMY CORPS MISSING.

It is feared that General Stackelberg's and General Zarubaieff's Army Corps, which were left to guard the line from Mukden to Fushun, have been captured or annihilated. The Army Corps commanded by General Zerpitsky, General Bilderling, and General Topornin, led by General Kuropatkin against General Nogi, sustained terrible losses.

RUSSIAN STRENGTH.

IMMENSE JAPANESE BOOTY.

Japanese estimate that the Russian armies which participated in the battle of Mukden numbered:—

Infantry	300,000
Cavalry	26,000
Guns	1,368
(about 30,000 men)	
Total	356,000 men.

JAPAN'S SPOILS.

Field-Marshal Oyama, on Sunday evening, reported: "In connection with the operations on the Sha-ho alone the prisoners exceed 40,000.

"The Russian casualties there are estimated at 90,000, including 26,500 left dead on the field.

"The numbers of prisoners, captured guns, and spoils are momentarily increasing. At present (Sunday evening) they comprise:—

2 flags
60 guns
60,000 rifles
150 ammunition waggons
1000 carts
200,000 shells
25,000,000 cartridges
74,000 bushels of grain
46 miles light railway outfit
2000 horses
23 cartloads of maps
1000 cartloads of clothing and accoutrements
1,000,000 rations of bread
70,000 tons of fuel
60 tons of hay
Besides much miscellaneous property.

RALLY AT TIE-LING.

The Japanese expect that the Russian prisoners and casualties will represent 40 per cent. of their forces.

The Japanese expect that a considerable force of Russians will rally at Tie-ling, though it will be unable to withstand a strong attack.

JOY IN JAPAN.

VIGOROUS PROSECUTION URGED.

The cities of Japan are celebrating the victory of their troops quietly. They are devoting what they save by the quiet celebration to war charities.

The Japanese newspapers urge a vigorous prosecution of the war, leaving Russia to initiate proposals for peace.

The Japanese Government will intern the Russian prisoners on islands in the Inland Sea.

EARLIER REPORTS.

LONDON, March 12.

It is reported at Tokio that the Japanese have captured 100 Russian guns and 50,000 prisoners.

The Russian killed and wounded are estimated at 100,000.

Some of the Japanese troops are 15 miles from Tie-ling.

Two divisions of troops, which are westward of Mukden, are considered lost.

RUSSIA'S GREAT EFFORT.

HALF A MILLION REINFORCEMENTS.

Russia has decided to send 500,000 more troops to Manchuria, and hopes to be able to transport supplies by water when the rivers are navigable.

RUSSIANS KEPT IN IGNORANCE.

LONDON, March 12.

The military and civilians of St. Petersburg are unaware of the disaster that has overtaken General Kuropatkin's armies, and are holding a week's festivities in connection with the carnival.

THE QUESTION OF PEACE.

The "Temps," of Paris, in an article comparing the position of Russia with that of France in 1870, makes a strong appeal for peace, which, it says, will be bitter; but it adds "Russia's wounds are easily healed."

THE CZAR DEJECTED.

LONDON, March 13.

The Czar is greatly dejected at the disaster which his armies have suffered.

BLOCKADE RUNNER.

The Japanese have captured the British steamer Saxon Prince, 3471 tons, with contraband of war on board, bound for Vladivostock.

THE BALTIC FLEET.

LONDON, March 12.

It is understood at St. Petersburg that Admiral Rozhdestvensky, with the Baltic Fleet, is not returning, as the battleships would be unable to pass through the Suez Canal without unloading.

CABLES TO THE CONSUL.

THE PURSUIT ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

RUSSIANS ABANDON SUPPLIES.

Mr. K. Iwasaki, Acting Consul-General for Japan, has received the following cables from Tokio:—

"Report received from Marquis Oyama on the morning of the 13th inst:

"'Our forces are continuing the pursuit northward from all directions, meanwhile inflicting heavy loss on the routed enemy. We expelled him northwards entirely on Sunday from the district 26 miles north of Mukden, and are still pursuing him.

"'In the district extending for 13 miles near the railway north of Mukden an enormous number of carts laden with ammunition and war material was found abandoned.'"

A RUSSIAN OFFICER'S HONOUR.

BROKE HIS PAROLE AND RECAPTURED.

"Report received on the afternoon of the 12th inst:—

"'One Russian officer who surrendered at Port Arthur came to Hsin-min-tun from Shanghai, breaking his parole, and was captured by our garrison.'"

OVER 40,000 PRISONERS.

IMMENSE SEIZURES OF STORES.

"According to the report of our armies of the Sha-ho quarter the approximate figures of the Russian losses and the prisoners and booty taken by us in that quarter only up to the Sunday morning are as follows, and the numbers are still increasing:—

"Prisoners, over 40,000 (including Major-General Nachinoff); Russian corpses left on the field, 26,500; other Russian casualties estimated at 90,000.

"Booty: Ensigns, 2; guns, 60; rifles, 60,000; ammunition waggons, 150; army waggons, 1000; shells, 200,000; rifle cartridges, 25,000,000; grain, 74,000 bushels; materials for light railway construction, 46 miles; waggons for light railways, 1300; horses, 2000; maps, 23 Chinese cartloads; clothing, over 1000 Chinese cartloads; bread, 1,000,000 portions; fuel, 150,000,000lb; horse allowance, 223,000 bushels; hay, 125,000lb.

"The report from the Shing-king quarter is not yet in."

THE JAPANESE CASUALTIES.

ESTIMATED AT 41,000.

"The report received in the afternoon on the 11th inst is to the effect that our various detachments, hotly pursuing the enemy from all directions and inflicting considerable damage everywhere, occupied 13 miles of the railway line north of the Hun-ho on that afternoon and continued in pursuit.

"Our detachment which started northwards on the morning of the 11th from the neighbourhood of the Pu-ho, overtook a large column of the enemy retreating northwards, and after a hand-to-hand struggle enveloped them and compelled them to surrender.

"Near Mukden we are now engaged in dispersing remnants of the routed enemy, some of whom continue to resist, while others come to surrender.

"Heaps of Russian corpses are found everywhere.

"A report received on the night of the 11th gives the estimated number of Russian prisoners as 20,000, since when it has been considerably increasing.

"Our total casualties from February 26 to the morning of the 12th inst are 41,222."

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

It is almost beyond the mind to grasp the facts or the significance of the appalling battle that has all but shattered the military strength of Russia in the East. The Japanese victory has exceeded all expectations. Yet even nations that sympathise with Great Britain's Eastern ally cannot but regard the terrible slaughter of Russia's army with melancholy. General Kuropatkin assumed the defensive south of Mukden with an army of 326,000. It is officially believed in St. Petersburg that 200,000 officers and men are either killed, wounded, or prisoners. When chaos has somewhat righted itself, when the wretched Russian generalissimo, whose crushing defeat has given military history its reddest chapter, musters his greatly reduced regiments, it will probably be found that the Russian army at Tie-ling is a remnant of about 150,000. This would make the total Russian losses 176,000. The most sanguinary single day engagement of modern times was Borodino in 1812, when 40,000 Russians and 30,000 French figured in the casualty lists. At Waterloo the French losses were 31,000, and those of the allies 22,000; at Wagram the French lost 30,000, and the Austrians 35,000; at Leipsic (three days) the French lost 55,000, and the allies 53,000; at Gettysburg the Federals lost 23,186, and the Confederates lost 31,621; during the seven days' fighting in front of Richmond the Federal losses were 15,249, and the Confederate 17,583. It has remained for the present war to furnish what in many respects is the greatest battle in history. Moreover, it has proved one of the greatest victories. The Japanese armies may now press northwards to Harbin during the summer with the utmost confidence that General Kuropatkin cannot but retreat through Tie-ling and Kai-yuan to the chief strategical position in Manchuria. Harbin commands both the route to southern Manchuria and to Vladivostock, and the defeat of the Russian army at Mukden has been so complete that a recovery by the Slav during the summer of 1905 is extremely doubtful. The hopes of the Czar—if they still exist—must now depend solely upon plans for a prolonged war, in which event Russia will have in mind the financial pressure upon the Japanese nation.

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So far as the actual battle is concerned there is little to add to the tactical outline previously given. The decisive Japanese movements were the brilliant operations of the North-west Army, under General Nogi, and the piercing of the Russian centre—which it transpires took place 10 miles east of Mukden, and not eight miles as we calculated. These two movements brought about the encircling of two-thirds of the Russian army. On Thursday night the Russians began the retreat from Mukden, but the Japanese were both east and west of the northern road, and the entrapped Russians were pounded by artillery as they ran the terrible gauntlet. They had moved steadily out of the city, leaving lights burning—a common ruse with camps in field operations—but a panic set in, and a correspondent describes what ensued:—"Between Ta-wan, the Pu-ho, and the railway was one great chaos." The flight of the French from Waterloo with the Prussians in pursuit becomes minor compared with the stampede of the armies of Bilderling and Kaulbars from Mukden and its environs. An attempt is made to trace the cause of the disaster. The responsibility rests upon General Kuropatkin, whose future control of the war seems hardly possible. The failure appears to have been ill-judged delay in ordering the retreat; the blindness of the generalissimo to the fact that the operations of General Nogi were on a scale that were calculated to bring about a decisive result—the generalissimo did not realise when defeat was inevitable. There was no reason why the battle should not have resolved itself into a rear-guard engagement, during which the bulk of the army might have safely retired to Tie-ling. General Kuropatkin, under-estimating the fighting capacity of the enemy and over-estimating the qualities of his own troops, preferred to regard Mukden as a fortress. The swift march of the North-West Army was a surprise that disordered the Russian plans. But the battle would have been less a slaughter had it not been for the wedge driven through the centre that enabled Mukden to be enveloped. It was reported that 26,500 Russian dead had been counted on the field up to Sunday last. Simultaneously Marquis Oyama reported that the casualties of the enemy were estimated at 90,000. But even 90,000 will not cover the total Russian casualties. The Japanese suggest the almost incredible percentage—including prisoners—of 40 per cent. On excellent authority it is stated that the Russian casualties exceed 100,000, also 100 siege guns and 300 field guns. In the cables will be found references to the immense supplies of ammunition, food, clothing, and other war material captured by the Japanese.

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There is but one conclusion, viz., that Kuropatkin's army is not fit to take the field against even an inferior force of Japanese. If the morale was but weakened by the battle of Sha-ho, in October, it is now broken. As an effective fighting force, capable of at least checking the Japanese advance, the army no longer exists. The chaotic terror of the retreat along a road commanded by Japanese fire—the road itself lost in clouds of dust—the chill of winter still in the air—the horrifying incidents of men going mad—the abandonment of guns, waggons, supplies—all in all, the disorder, confusion, and terrors of an enemy in flight. General Kuropatkin, we predicted, would move to the point of greatest danger. He directed the operations against Nogi, and was crushingly defeated. The North-west Army accordingly moved further east, to complete the envelopment. On the Sha-ho alone 40,000 prisoners were taken. Altogether, we will probably yet hear that the prisoners number 80,000 to 100,000. "The armies are now out of danger" was Kuropatkin's report when he cut his way through the encircling army. But in round numbers of an army of 300,000, Kuropatkin has few more than 100,000 moving into the defences of Tie-ling. In the hills to the east thousands of Russians are in flight before Kuroki's troops. One notable feature was the success of the Japanese cavalry, but hardly in the recognised cavalry role. The Russians in the concluding stages of the battle were obviously unfit, owing to physical and mental strain, to face the Japanese. To see a Japanese force, however inferior, was to be consumed with terror. There is no madness like that of an army's panic; no terror so complete, and amid carnage, bloodshed, and all the accompaniments of hatred and brutality—so unconquerably pathetic.

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What is to be the direct effect of the defeat? St. Petersburg, which was holding high carnival while the flower of the Russian army was being slaughtered, and unwilling conscripts martyred by autocratic decree, is receiving news of the battle in fragments. There will be talk of peace, but is Russia the Colossus to yield to Japan after a war of only 13 months? The defeats have been colossal, but Russia's resources are enormous. Already it is announced that half a million men are to be sent to the front. Russia to-day is crushed and humiliated to the dust. But it is to be feared that the peace that the world would applaud is yet distant.

THE DISASTER IN WALES.

COLLIERY ON FIRE.

LONDON, March 12.

The explosion which occurred in the Cambrian collieries, Liwynpia, Wales, caused the mine to take fire.

Nine of the miners are dead. Seventeen others are still imprisoned. Their recovery alive is practically impossible.

The accident arose a quarter of an hour before the night shift went on duty; otherwise, it is said, it would have been the worst mining disaster that had occurred in the history of South Wales.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, March 12.

The Pretender in Morocco, with a view to terrorising his enemies, caused seven prisoners to be thrown into the sea in sacks, with only their heads exposed. They were then shot while drowning.

At the opening of the Parliament of Cape Colony Sir W. Hely-Hutchinson, the Governor, in his speech, announced the cessation of prosecutions arising from the rebellion, and also that the Government would sanction the issue of arms to the farmers, whether or not implicated in the rebellion. The cessation of the prosecutions placates several men in German territory, who were afraid to return.

In the Rugby football match yesterday Wales defeated Ireland by 10 points to 3.

[Wales defeated England at Cardiff on January 14 by 25 points to nil, a record victory. Wales beat Scotland on February 4 at Edinburgh by 6 points (two tries) to 3 (one try).]

H. W. Stevenson yesterday defeated F. Weiss, the Australian champion, in a billiard match, 9000 up, Weiss receiving 2250. Weiss scored 7420.

RUSSIA.

EXPLOSION IN ST. PETERSBURG.

MAN BROWN TO ATOMS.

MANUFACTURER OF BOMBS.

LONDON, March 12.

A man named M'Cullough, a Briton, who was staying at the Hotel Bristol, near St. Isaac's Cathedral, in St. Petersburg, has been blown to atoms. The first floor of the hotel was completely wrecked by the explosion, and several persons received injuries of a severe nature.

The St. Petersburg police say they consider that Mr. M'Cullough was engaged in the manufacture of bombs.

There is much excitement in St. Petersburg.

March 13.

There is little doubt that M'Cullough, who was blown to pieces in St. Petersburg, was a native of the Baltic provinces, and was using a false passport as a British subject.

Many arrests have been made in St. Petersburg, and in the Baltic provinces arrests have been numerous.

The papers of M'Cullough included a revolutionary proclamation and revolutionary pamphlets, chemical formulas for the manufacture of explosives more powerful than lyddite, drawings of infernal machines, and notes respecting Imperial residences.

RISING OF PEASANTS.

ESTATES PILLAGED.

DEMAND FOR LAND.

LONDON, March 13.

Large bands of peasants are pillaging estates in the provinces of the Orel. Many refineries and distilleries have been sacked. The peasants declare that they only want the land, and not the lives of the landowners.

A similar movement is reported from the southern provinces, where the peasants claim 15 arpents of land apiece.

The police are powerless to repress the disturbances, and the authorities appeal for the troops.

Peasants at Orlovka, a province of the Don Cossacks, burst into the Derniginsky refinery, belonging to the Grand Duke Michael.

Two thousand loaded railway vans, westward-bound, choke the sidings between Samara and Slatonsk, thus completely stopping the traffic.

STRIKERS SENT HOME.

Owing to the persistent strikes General Trepoff, the Governor-General of St. Petersburg, is deporting to their villages all the unemployed.

BRITISH CABINET.

CHANGE IN OFFICES.

LONDON, March 13.

The resignation of the Earl of Onslow, President of the Board of Agriculture, now Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords, and of Mr. George Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, left two vacancies in the Cabinet, which have been filled by the promotion of a Minister to Cabinet rank and by a recasting of offices.

Mr. WALTER LONG, President of the Local Government Board, becomes Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Mr. GERALD BALFOUR, President of the Board of Trade, is appointed President of the Local Government Board.

The MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, Lord Privy Seal, becomes in addition President of the Board of Trade.

The Hon. AILWYN FELLOWES, a Junior Lord of the Treasury, is appointed President of the Board of Agriculture.

H.M.S. PROMETHEUS.

LONDON, March 13.

H.M.S. Prometheus, third-class cruiser, 2135 tons (Commander Woolcombe), relieving on the Australian station H.M.S. Pylades, now on her way home, is coaling at Gibraltar preparatory to sailing for Australia.

THE CHADWICK MILLIONS.

ACCUSED CONVICTED.

LONDON, March 13.

Cassie Chadwick, the wife of a doctor of Cleveland, Ohio, has been convicted of forging a promissory note for £1,000,000, and also on other charges.

The Chadwick millions case, similar in many respects to the Humbert case in Paris of a few years ago, created a great sensation in the United States towards the end of December, more especially as the lady who alleged that she held the securities upon which she obtained loans brought into the hearing the names of Mr. Andrew Carnegie and other wealthy Americans.

One of the many phases of her case is supplied in the following telegram sent from Reuter's correspondent in New York:—

"A Cleveland attorney, who is acting for a Boston banker interested in Mrs. Chadwick's affairs, states that besides a note for 5,000,000dol signed in the name of Andrew Carnegie, there was a similarly signed trust agreement purporting to be a receipt for interest bearing securities to the value of 7,500,000dol, delivered to Mr. Carnegie by Mr. F. R. Mason, a deceased uncle of Mrs. Chadwick. These securities were represented to be bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the Caledonian Railway (Scotland), and the Great Western Railway (England), a promissory note for 1,800,000 dol, signed by Emily and Daniel Pine, payable to Mrs. Chadwick and a mortgage securing it.

"Mr. Carnegie denies having signed any of the papers, and declares that he has no knowledge of Mrs. Chadwick whatever. According to the 'Cleveland Plain Dealer' it will be found that Mr. Andrew Carnegie's name has apparently been forged on notes and papers representing a face value of 13,750,000dol, and that more than a million dol had been obtained on them.

"A telegram from Oberlin, Ohio, states that the confession of Mr. Beckwith, president of the wrecked Citizens' National Bank, alleges that Mrs. Chadwick secured immense loans by a written undertaking from the bank to act as trustee for the supposed estate of 5,000,000dol in consideration of its receiving some 40,000dol as a bonus when the loans were paid. Besides this, Mr. Beckwith and Mr. Spear, the cashier, were to receive 10,000dol a year each for their trouble. Mrs. Chadwick's statement that she was a relative of Mr. Carnegie calmed their doubts. Mr. Beckwith believes that Mr. William Baldwin, one of the reported trustees, was a myth, as excuses were always forthcoming whenever any inquiry concerning Mr. Baldwin was pressed. The estate was to have been handed over on the 1st of September, 1903, but when the time came it was stated that it must remain in the same hands a little longer.

"Mr. Beckwith's confession also describes how the Oberlin Bank served as a clearing house for Mrs. Chadwick's manipulations, this resulting in the arrest of the president and the cashier for endorsing her notes to enable them to be passed through other banks.

"The 'World' publishes the following telegram from Cleveland:—'When Mrs. Chadwick's package containing the alleged 5,000,000dol worth of collateral securities was opened a note for 5,000,000dol, bearing the name of Mr. Carnegie was found.'"

It was probably for the forging of this last note that she has been convicted.

Y.M.C.A.

According to advices received from Adelaide yesterday, where Mr. Fred. B. Smith commenced his mission to men on Sunday, the meetings have been attended with great success. The claim made that Mr. Smith is among the foremost speakers to men of the present day is fully endorsed.

THE HIGH COURT.

STATEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

REDUCTION OF OFFICIALS.

LARGE TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

In the Senate last session the Attorney-General, Sir Josiah Symon, promised strict supervision with a view of keeping down the expenditure of the High Court. When interviewed to-day and asked whether he had seen telegrams from Melbourne regarding the matter, he replied, "Yes, the telegrams are fairly but not altogether correct. The High Court is in my department, and immediately Parliament was prorogued I applied myself to a thorough investigation. I have been engaged upon it, and in revising the executive arrangements in connection with the work of the High Court, more or less since then. It has been a laborious and troublesome business, owing a good deal to the looseness with which things have been done, but I made sufficient progress to be able to communicate my views generally to the learned Justices before last Christmas. So far I hope to save £3000 or close up to it, and do so not only without detriment to the power and usefulness of the Court in the great sphere it occupies, but with the result of placing it, as I think, more in harmony with the constitution and function it is meant to fulfil in the Commonwealth. The fact is, the Court was organised under a misconception of its functions and constitutional position that perhaps was not unnatural in the case of a new Court of a nature till then in some respects unknown to Australia. It is essentially a Supreme Court of Appeal, but it was organised as an ordinary court of common law, exercising civil and criminal jurisdiction, holding circuits or assizes with associates and tipstaffs. No one, I think, ever heard before of associates and tipstaffs for each Judge in connection with a Supreme Court of Appeal. The Judges of the Privy Council and the House of Lords, the Lord Justices, and the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, have neither associates nor tipstaffs, so far as I know. These admirable officials are out of place in such a tribune, and afford scope for a large saving.

"There are other matters which will bear effective readjustment with advantage to the Court itself, as well as to the taxpayer. My inquiries as to travelling expenses revealed startling results. I ought to say that my predecessor (Mr. Attorney-General Higgins) is entitled to the credit of being the first, as long ago as July last, to move in the direction of placing things on a sensible footing. In reference to the order-in-council that I was obliged to have revoked last January, it was unnecessary and embarrassing to control, as well as ultra vires. There was no departmental check whatever upon the rate of allowance. A recent voucher, in November last, ran up, according to figures supplied to me, to £4 13s 3d per day for one Justice and his associate. I have now fixed the maximum limit, ample, but very much under that amount."

PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT ITS CIRCUITS.

OPINIONS IN LEGAL CIRCLES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

In connection with the controversy that is proceeding as to whether the cost of the High Court cannot be usefully curtailed, it is pointed out to-day that the Court is empowered by special Act of Parliament to make rules fixing the times and places of its sitting, and as the law makes it incumbent on Ministers if they wish its circuits reduced and its travelling expenses cut down to place amending legislation on the Statute Book, there is a doubt whether such legislation would be agreed to without the very strongest of reasons. Opposition is expected to come, especially from Queensland and Western Australia, to any proposal to make the Court as a general rule sit only in Sydney and Melbourne, because advocates of the peripatetic High Court will probably assert that as one of the reasons for its establishment was the desire to cut down the expenses of litigants there is no justification for making those who have business before its appellate jurisdiction to pay fees to a new set of barristers to plead in either of the two large capitals, or pay the travelling expenses of their own legal advisers to either of those places in order that their cases might be properly argued. The Judges themselves are understood to be indifferent in the matter, but there will be manifest advantages in one or other of the Judges sitting in the smaller States to perform interlocutory work, even though the highest appellate Court of the Commonwealth should finally hear the cases in either Sydney or Melbourne. It transpires to-day that a proposal to limit the hearing of cases has been actually submitted to the Cabinet by the Attorney-General, and that the Treasurer is with him, his objection to a travelling Court being mainly on the ground of expense. The matter has not, however, got beyond the stage of general discussion.

RIGHT OF APPEAL.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

At the High Court to-day, in a case, Parkin v Watson Lester, in which the question of the right of the litigant to appeal direct from the decision of one of the State Judges to the High Court was involved, the Chief Justice said he desired further argument from counsel. One of the questions was whether the words "Supreme Court of any State" meant any judgment having the effect of a judgment of the Supreme Court, or the ultimate decision of a Supreme Court as a Court of appeal. Another question was the meaning of the words "of any other Court of any State from which, at the establishment of the Commonwealth, appeal lies to the King in Council." It had been the practice of the Privy Council to admit appeals from the State Courts not sitting as Courts of final appeal, and the question was whether the High Court had similar power.

A PROLONGED VOYAGE.

FROM SYDNEY TO NOUMEA.

THE FANNY SAFE.

NOUMEA, Monday.

The French barquentine Fanny, which left Sydney on December 30 last, arrived at Noumea yesterday in command of Captain Johansen, a resident of Raratonga, where the vessel put in early in February. Raratonga was the first land sighted after leaving Sydney, and owing to the length of the voyage the crew lived on biscuits only for several days.

The crew refused to continue the voyage under Captain Boutmy, and at the request of the men the British Resident Commissioner at Raratonga appointed Captain Johansen to the command of the Fanny. The run from Raratonga to Noumea occupied 15 days.

Grave fears had been entertained for the safety of the Fanny for some time past. The voyage from Sydney to Noumea was commenced in April last, but the Fanny had not proceeded far on her journey when she encountered violent weather conditions, and rolled and pitched and strained and laboured severely. Suddenly it was discovered to the dismay of all on board that the vessel was leaking, and the master at once ordered soundings to be taken. The worst fears were realised, for it was evident from the fact that the barquentine was taking in water at the rate of about 10in to a foot an hour that she had sprung a bad leak.

The pumps were at once put into operation, and were able to keep the inflow in check with ease. Still the fear was entertained that the inrush might increase, and therefore the pumps were kept going night and day. The little vessel was never in any danger of foundering, but as she was comparatively close to Sydney the master resolved to turn back rather than continue on his course for another 900 miles. No doubt the Fanny would have been able to reach her destination in safety, but the master and his officers realised the possibility of the leak increasing, and this, in addition to the fact that she would require docking, led them to the decision to put back to Sydney. All hands were employed at the pumps on the way back, but fortunately the weather conditions ultimately moderated. When the Fanny arrived here on April 22 last she was slightly down by the head, and had over 2ft of water in her holds.

The Fanny remained in this port for upwards of eight months, during which time she underwent extensive repairs in dock. A survey of the vessel was made by Captain J. Vine Hall, the local representative of the Bureau Veritas, who declared that the Fanny was in a perfectly seaworthy condition. She sailed in command of Captain Boutmy on December 30 last.

BUSH FIRES RELIEF.

THE LORD MAYOR'S FUND.

Contributions to the fund to date are as under:—

Amount previously acknowledged	£3007	2	8
Robert Wilson, Gerringong, Mayor	5	11	6
C. E. R. Murray	3	3	0
St. John's Masonic Lodge, Deniliquin ..	1	1	0
W. S., Kent-street	0	5	0
W. Y. Fitzhardinge, Public Library	0	4	0
F. C. Rutherford, Public Library	0	4	0
Parkes, per Archdeacon Neild, 2nd instalment	0	1	2
Total	£3017	12	4

SECOND EDITION

THE HIGH COURT.

THE FIXING OF CIRCUITS.

MELBOURNE THE PROPER PLACE OF SITTING.

SYDNEY APPEAL BUSINESS.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

Sir Josiah Symon, continuing his statement relative to the High Court, said:—

"Then, too, the practice was to compute justices travelling expenses, not from Melbourne, the seat of the Court, according to the usual rule observed everywhere, but from each Judge's residence. You will understand what this means, when you remember that each Judge may, as he does, fix his residence wherever he finds it most convenient, most conducive to his comfort and happiness, and most agreeable in regard to associations and surroundings. Such a position is absurd. Indeed, in the case of the Chief Justice, whose residence was in Brisbane until recently, the result was that in less than nine months, up to June 30 last, he drew more than twice as much for travelling allowance in respect of substantially the same work as his colleague, Mr. Justice Barton, the relative figures before me being £591 and £263, inclusive of railway and steamer fares. As the Minister responsible, I intend the rule shall be recognised that Melbourne is by law the seat of the Court, and that travelling allowances shall be computed from there as the starting point.

"The Full Court circuits are no doubt the chief source of these burdensome travelling expenses. Remember, they are not ordinary circuits of one Judge, but consist of the whole Court, with three Judges, three associates, and three tipstaffs. I entertain no doubt these will be discontinued and their oppressive cost brought to an end. Economy is the main but not my sole motive for the change. There is neither parallel nor precedent for an ambulatory supreme appellate tribunal. You cannot imagine the Privy Council or the Supreme Court of the United States the analogue of our High Court, travelling circuit with associates and tipstaffs. Further, it is opposed to the Constitution. The Convention was impressed with the importance of preventing the heavy expense of circuits, and for that purpose provided clause 71 of of the Constitution for investing State courts with Federal jurisdiction. The learned Chief Justice (Sir S. W. Griffith), in 1897, strongly approved that provision. He said it was an important and valuable alteration in substance, and that this will obviate the immediate necessity of establishing Federal Circuit Courts.

"Then Parliament in 1903 followed in the footsteps of the Convention, and conformably with the Constitution enacted the procedure that the Court should sit in Melbourne until, of course, a permanent capital should come along. So neither the Constitution nor Parliament contemplated or wanted circuits of any kind, much less circuits of the entire Full Court. The rules referred to were made by the justices, and if effectual they certainly reversed the policy of the Constitution and of Parliament. These rules only provide that unless otherwise ordered appeals from State Courts shall be heard at the capital of the State. They cannot propose to commission the Court to go to circuit to do that. Another rule had to be made. This the Justices apparently considered they could do, not at regular intervals or fixed periods, but whenever they thought fit, and so pledge the public funds to defray the cost without the authority of Parliament. For example, in December a circuit rule was made appointing at Hobart last month. Parliament, of course, had not the opportunity of saying whether that circuit is necessary or not, or whether expense should be incurred, because a circuit is all over long before Parliament can sit or rules be laid before it. I do not wish just now to discuss the rules made by Judges. I think they were a mistake, and inoperative, but they opened wide the flood-gates of expense for circuits which the Constitution and Parliament had done their utmost to avoid. So far as I know, it is without example for a Judge by rule of Court to establish circuits. That is always done by the Executive or Parliament. At first circuits were chiefly visits of ceremony, and as things stand there is nothing to prevent that happening again at any time. The need or policy of holding circuits is entirely for the Executive and Parliament, and not for Judges. Their duty is to hear and decide cases brought before them. For them to say whether circuits should or should not be established is to encroach upon the domain of the Executive and Parliament, and impose upon taxpayers expenditure not voted, and for an object not approved by Parliament. Parliament has not sanctioned these circuits, and has provided no money for them. I mention these things because to discontinue these circuits will not only secure large economy, but will get the High Court away from these entangling rules and back to the Constitution and plain will of Parliament.

"Personally I do not approve of the High Court of Appeal sitting in Sydney. Melbourne is the place where it ought to sit. There would be no travelling expenses at all, but I recognise that owing to the practice of Sydney sittings having been begun an appeal business has grown up that it will be convenient to Justices to live there to transact judicial business there; and that it may fairly be put that some amount of business having grown up we should retrace our mistaken steps as to Sydney by degrees. So far as I am personally concerned it is only for that reason I am willing that sittings in Sydney should continue for the present, at least until Parliament meets. I see one of the telegrams refers to two members of the Ministry strongly pressing these reforms and reductions. I assure you there is no such limitation. My colleagues one and all are entirely with me.

"The savings I have referred to are going to be made. The Judges have been fully notified, and no more circuits will take place unless such as are thought needful and are sanctioned by the Executive and Parliament."

SILVER.

LONDON, March 12.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 3 3-16d per ounce standard, an advance of 3-16d since Saturday.

QUEENSLAND.

A SHEARER'S DEATH.

BRISBANE, Monday.

A man named Wm. Henry Fern, aged 34 years, died at Longreach under peculiar circumstances. He left Darr River Downs, where he was engaged shearing, in order to come into hospital. On the way he had a drink from a waterhole out of a tin which he picked up on the road. On arrival at the hospital he developed symptoms of arsenical poisoning, became unconscious, and died. It is supposed that there was arsenic in the tin he picked up.

THE BUTTER TRADE.

A deputation representing the recent conference of butter manufacturers to-day interviewed Mr. Thompson, of the Aberdeen line, who is at present in Brisbane, relative to a possible fortnightly visit of the Aberdeen liners to Brisbane and a reduction in the butter freight. Mr Thompson indicated that as the present three-weekly service has not paid it was unlikely that the service would be increased, but if the ½d freight, which was a recognised freight from Sydney to London, was reduced in the south, then Brisbane claims would be considered. The butter manufacturers' conference will now ask the Government to invite offers from shipping companies for a fortnightly service from Brisbane to London.

Winton advices state that Oondooroo is shearing 17,000 sheep. Drover Wood goes out to-morrow to lift 12,000 off the shears, bound for the Darling Downs. Kynuna is due to commence shearing to-day. Drover Holmes has gone out to take delivery of 12,000 to 15,000 off the shears, travelling to fresh pastures. Probably 40,000 sheep will leave this station for relief country. Several other holdings are also seeking relief country.

S. Kidman has purchased the following cattle:—2000 from Brunette Downs, 2000 from Rocklands, 2000 from Alexandria, 400 from Glenormiston, and 600 from Springvale.

At the Central Police Court this morning Charles Williams was remanded until Monday next on a charge of stealing with violence a leather handbag, containing £50 3s 5d, the property of John M'Donnell.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Monday.

H.M.S. Psyche arrived from Auckland this afternoon after 6½ days' run.

The Presbyterian elders of this city met Mr. M'Gillivray, deputy from the Victorian Elders' Association this evening, and agreed provisionally that an Elders' Association for Tasmania be formed; also that a committee be formed to look after the general interests of the association in Tasmania.

The report of the Sydney Hospital for the week ended March 11 is as follows:—Admitted, 41 males, 26 females; discharged, 40 males, 29 females; died, 1 male, 1 female; remaining, 164 males, 131 females; out-patients treated, but not admitted, 1302; new casualty cases treated, but not admitted, 174; old casualty cases treated, but not admitted, 447; number of typhoid cases in hospital, 7.

MR. REID IN SYDNEY.

ENTERTAINED BY HIS COMMITTEE.

MEETING AT THE PROTESTANT HALL.

A POLITICAL SPEECH.

DENUNCIATION OF LABOUR POLITICS.

POLICY FOR THE FUTURE.

ANTI-SOCIALISM.

Mr. G. H. Reid delivered last night his first speech in Sydney since he became Prime Minister of the Commonwealth. The meeting, which assembled in the Protestant Hall, was arranged so that those who had been associated with him in his election campaigns over 25 years might do honour to Mr. Reid. Alderman S. E. Lees, as chairman of Mr. Reid's election committee, presided. Among those on the platform were:—Messrs. Sydney Smith (Postmaster-General), Senators Walker, Pulsford, Gould, and Gray; Messrs. W. H. Wilks, M.P., and W. E. Johnson, M.P.; Mr. J. A. Hogue (Chief Secretary), Messrs. D. Storey and D. Levy, Ms.L.A., Sir James Graham, Sir Julian Salomons, K.C., Professor Anderson Stuart, Alderman Thos. Hughes (ex-Lord Mayor), Aderman S. E. Lees (ex-Lord Mayor), Rev. B. Keenan, Messrs. J. F. Burns, Denny, J. Garland, F. Grimley, D. O'Connor, G. Christie, J. M. Conroy, A. Cormack, H. Adams, C. P. Hyman, J. W. R. Clarke, Mesdames G. H. Reid, S. E. Lees, Molyneux Parkes (president of the Women's Liberal League), Mrs. Izett, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. W. H. Wilks, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Paul, and others.

Previous to the meeting Mr. Reid had been entertained at Baumann's Cafe at tea. The party comprised Mr. Reid's East Sydney election committee, and the executive officers were Alderman S. E. Lees (chairman), Sir James Graham (hon. treasurer), and Messrs. C. W. Beal, G. E. Russell Jones, and W. E. Clapham (hon. secretaries). After tea Mr. and Mrs. Reid engaged in conversation with many of those present, and a pleasant hour was spent as a preliminary to the more important function at the Protestant Hall.

Upon entering the hall Mr. Reid was given a tremendous reception.

LETTER FROM MR. WANT.

The Chairman read an apology from Mr. J. H. Want, M.L.C., in the following terms:—"I am truly sorry that I cannot be present to-night to move the resolution in my name, as I am suffering from a severe cold. It is a great disappointment to me, and I hope whoever moves the resolution will explain my absence. I look upon Mr. Reid's assumption of office as the safeguard of New South Wales, and the only chance of successfully fighting the battle against socialism. I know the sacrifice he has had to make, but hope to see him remain in office until this much-mismanaged Commonwealth recovers from the mess that previous Governments have gradually, but surely, got it into. I wish you every success to-night, and hope to see Mr. Reid in office for a long time."

Apologies were also read from Mr. James Ashton (Minister for Lands), Mr. C. G. Wade, K.C. (Attorney-General), Mr. Dugald Thomson (Minister for Home Affairs), Mr. C. A. Lee (Minister for Works), Senator Neild, Mr. John Hughes, M.L.C., Mr. S. T. Whiddon, Mr. J. Cook, M.P., and others.

The Chairman said they were there to do honour to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth. Mr. Reid was first returned for East Sydney, in the State Parliament, in 1880. He (the chairman) traced Mr. Reid's career as member and Minister of the Crown during the 25 years that had since elapsed. In that 25 years, he said, they had come to regard him as their own member. (Applause.) He had a tremendous battle to fight—(Hear, hear)—and it would take all the forces they could get to win. (A Voice: "He never will.") He hoped they would rally round him, and help to fight to a finish. (Applause.)

THE RESOLUTION.

Sir James Graham moved the following resolution:—

"(1.) That this meeting of the general committee and supporters of the Right Hon. G. H. Reid beg to offer their best wishes and congratulations to their representative in the Federal Parliament on the occasion of his having been called upon to assume the responsibilities of office as Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, and upon his return to take up his residence in Sydney during the recess.

"(2.) That they further desire to express their deep sense of appreciation of his long, faithful, and invaluable services as a representative of the people.

"(3.) The committee and supporters of Mr. Reid, fully recognising the special circumstances that justified the Prime Minister in assuming the leadership of a coalition Government, are satisfied that a Government with the Right Hon. G. H. Reid as its official head and leader will be a Government whose principles and actions are in accord with the aims, aspirations, and traditions of that Liberal party with which his whole political life has been identified."

The terms of the resolution, Sir James Graham said, made it clear that the meeting was a gathering of Mr. Reid's working committee. It was not a demonstration in any ordinary sense, although it would be hard to recognise that any meeting in which Mr. Reid was the central figure was anything other than a demonstration. (Hear, hear.) The good feeling which existed between Mr. Reid and his supporters was not due to the disposal of any favours—no page in Mr. Reid's life was so clear and so bright as that—but to his happiness, infinite tact, and knowledge of human nature. (Applause.) The resolution reminded them that Mr. Reid had become the leader of a coalition Government, and though there were many well-meaning people who feared the result of such a step, he thought they need have no fear in that respect. Mr. Reid, he felt sure, would deal with the gigantic struggle which was before him with the intelligence and strength that had always characterised his political career. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. J. Garland, who was well received, seconded the resolution, and said that Mr. Reid had undertaken a mighty task as Premier of the Federal Government. They could not be blind to the momentous nature of that task, but he had no doubt that his hands would be strengthened by the demonstration of that evening, and that he would succeed in one of the most momentous battles that he had ever been called upon to fight. (Applause.)

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously. (Applause.)

MR. REID'S SPEECH.

Mr. Reid, who was received with loud and continued applause, said he would have the pleasure during his stay in Sydney of visiting each of the six electorates in order to give all the electors of East Sydney an opportunity of meeting him in public meeting. He hoped his friends who knew how many public meetings he had faced in his time would forgive him if on the present occasion he went out of the beaten track in order to accept proof of the kindness of his old friends and supporters of East Sydney. He was their guest that night, and in addressing the meeting he was conscious of the fact that it was not a public meeting of the legitimate form. It was an invitation to him to come amongst his old friends to assure him that those who had stood by him for so many years stood by him still. It was a reflection mingled with pain that during 25 years so many loyal friends who had supported him in the days of his beginnings had passed away. Few of the friends of his political beginning were there that night, but he was glad to be able to say that throughout the whole of his public life not one colleague had deserted him. (Cheers.) He could look back with a feeling, he thought, of justifiable satisfaction that amidst all keen rivalries of public men, and in the bitter strife of politics, the great body of liberal strength which brought him into public life was still behind him. (Cheers.) No man in the public life of the country could say he had 15 contested elections in 24 years. He could say that. Never had he achieved position in public life without having to fight for every step he took. He felt that in the coming days it would often be hurled at him that he was a nominee of the Employers' Federation. Let them look back for 15 years. He could not remember having been helped or supported by the influential classes. There had been no millionaires hanging after him. (Laughter.) He had one principle in view, and that was the greatest happiness for the greatest number. (Cheers.) If it could be proved to him that this end could be achieved by socialism, by upsetting everything, prove it,

and he would be converted to-morrow. A great onus rested upon those who wished to turn the current of humanity in this fashion.

THE PRESENT POSITION.

He would have to go back a little in order to lead up to what he had to say with reference to the present position of public affairs. He would come to the last general election in 1903, because of what he did and said then. Some very serious attacks had been made upon his courage and fidelity when he was before the electors. He did all he could to advise them of the folly and wrong of the clause in the Postal Act which tried to put on the oceans which belonged to all the races the colour of a white Australia. (Cheers.) For a white Australia there was no man in the ranks of the Labour party who stood more forward than he did. He had always stood by that as one of the vital conditions upon which this young nation would have to grow if it ever was to grow to the beauty and prosperity it was entitled to. If they told him that they could make Australia a little richer by bringing in 200,000 or 300,000 members of the coloured races he did not want riches at the price. (Cheers.) Whilst he thought that a sound national policy was justifiable by every law of self-preservation, the man who went beyond that principle and wanted to carry the power of Australia to protect its own racial development on to the oceans was trying to rob mankind of a thing that they ought to exercise no such power over. (Applause.) If he had an enemy in the world of the white race, he would go in for this postal clause if he thought that he would get him into a stokehole in the Red Sea. He thought too much of his white brother to put him into a stokehole, for if there was one place in the sphere of industry that he would be willing for his coloured brother to have the run of it was down there in the Red Sea. (Laughter.) How easy it was to carry Liberalism and sound principles to extremes which caused ridicule and contempt. They were earning the ridicule and contempt of the world by the clause. He was asked why he did not go and commit political suicide. He could do it, and he had no doubt his enemies would thank him for it. (Laughter.) He was not going to do it yet. (Cheers.) In spite of his appeals a large majority of the men who were returned differed from him. He was going to appeal again to the people, and when he got power enough he would be on the job in no time. (Applause.)

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION.

Did not they as working men think that the spectacle of shutting out their fellow English workers—who did not come out here to take the bread out of their mouths, but to settle among them, and be one of themselves to help to build up this great nation—did not they think that the law which would send such men to gaol because they did not come out as paupers, but to follow their industry, reached the perfection of meanness? What were they combining for? Were they afraid of their own English, Scotch, and Irish brethren coming amongst them? No. He tried to make the Australian people agree with him, but they did not. Was he therefore to go and commit suicide? His enemies said "yes." His reply was that he was going to try and try again, and if he got the power to remove that blot while safeguarding the interests of Australia he would do it. Who were those who heaped their reproaches upon him for what they called treachery to principle? There might be treachery if the country had answered his appeal and given him strength to carry out his own views. Who were these gentlemen who heaped abuse on his head? What were the principles of their political organisations? Freetraders and protectionists fighting together like brethren, peace and harmony among themselves, with a beautifully constructed machine which enabled every member of the Labour party to think as freely as he liked, so long he remained one of the bullock team. He felt impelled to praise the organisation of the Labour party, and expressed respect for the leader and the members of that party. The Liberal party might learn many lessons from the organisation of the Labour party. Until they did they would never lick them. At election time aspiring Labour candidates were not at each other's throats in a rush for a seat in Parliament. In the presence of a great danger they needed a similar unity in raising a banner broad enough to bring behind it every man who did not believe in this organised combination to upset all the principles of human progress in the name of socialism. (Applause.) The settlers had done their part nobly. (Applause.) When the great battle of liberty was fought in this country they were able to gain, after many years, a thoroughly democratic constitution.

PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT.

There was no demand then among the ranks of the workers and their leaders for preference in employment. (Great applause.) Many working men who had stood in the forefront had never come forward after victory and said, "Give me preference over my fellow-working men." That sort of reformer could be got any day. His judgment against the Labour party was not based on any personal animosity, but the monstrous thing was what certain organised bodies had arrogated to themselves, although they were not one-tenth of the workers of Australia. (Applause.) Just as he stood up, and fought the financiers, squatters, and capitalists of New South Wales to a finish, in order to establish a fair system of taxation, so now, in the name of democracy and the principle of treating every man upon broad principles of common fairness and equality, and in the name of the same old sacred principle of political liberty, he had now to fight the trades unions of Australia. (Cheers.) If he won it would be the best for them. (Cheers.) There was no "Yes-no" about that. (Laughter.) He had as strong a belief in the ultimate success of federation as had any of those gentlemen who talked so much about federation five or six years ago. If this great continent was to be again separated into six different colonies, it would be against the whole teaching of human history. (Cheers.) Let them not make the mistake of thinking that the friction and misfortunes of the new adjustment were against a real Australian nation. (Cheers.)

THE POLITICAL LABOUR LEAGUE.

He would ask them to follow him in an analysis of the rules of the Political Labour League of New South Wales, so that they would see how an attempt was being made to convert a great national movement into a source of individual profit. (Oh.) Then he thought as a big concession to the ordinary ideas of democracy and equality the subscriptions to the Political Labour League might be the same all round. There was another distinction between the men of New South Wales and that democratic league. Our and their great fight was against privileges and inequalities and advantages of the richer classes. We had political equality now as the law of the land, but what did that labour body do? A struggling unemployed fellow not in the union, wanting to become a member of the Labour League, had to pay 50 per cent. more than the ordinary subscription paid by the full-blown unionist earning his 10s or 12s per day. It was not much, and they might not think it worth while making that aristocratic difference in favour of the stronger men, because the total subscription for a man was only 2s per year. But to show the predominance of the trades unionists in the Labour league, even in the matter of 2s per year they wanted to be let off at a "bob." (Laughter.) They might call that the new school of democracy. (Laughter.) He did not for a moment question the right of the trades unions to ask for preference for their men, but he drew the line at their making the Temple of Justice answerable for getting them work and driving the other men out into the cold. (Cheers.) He came to another point in rule 3—

A Voice: "Give us preferential trade."

Mr. Reid: I know you want anything but this. (Laughter.) He had to give them a little more physic. One of the democratic ideals for which the people fought was surely that the electors should be free to judge of the different candidates for their suffrages, and vote according to their conscience. (Cheers.) Every Labour leaguer had to vote for the man that the Sydney committee put its endorsement upon. ("Quite right.") Look at the member's position if he succeeded. A man must be a trades unionist or a member of the league before he could be a candidate. When his name was put up it still could not be submitted to his fellows for ballot unless the Sydney committee put its name to it; then he had to take the pledge before being put up for ballot that he would not oppose the selected candidate of the league. If he got through all these ordeals and was elected he was under the absolute authority and sway of the Sydney executive, because unless in every possible way he behaved so as to merit the confidence of that little clique, he could be absolutely excluded from being a candidate. He did not believe the Tories in their worst days ever had such a privileged series of steeplechase fences against merit, ability, and patriotism as were to be found in these rules. If Parliament were a Parliament of the Labour leagues it would be quite right, but they were talking of national affairs, and doing the best to choose the best men, irrespective of political definitions, except those which arose from great national topics. (Cheers.)

LEAVING THE PATH OF LIBERAL REFORM.

Could they look at the whole of their policy without seeing that instead of continuing in the plain broad path of Liberal reform they had now become one of the most arbitrary, tyrannical, selfish, exclusive, and monopolistic unions in the politics of the whole world? (Hear, hear.) There was the Labour League conference the other day. He gave these gentlemen in that league credit for making their position perfectly clear. (A Voice: "Give us your policy.") He was going to give them his explanation. He was one who had always fought against class privilege in any shape or form. Now he came to the appearance of the Labour Government in the Federal Parliament. With one or two exceptions they were untried men, who never had any official experience. They were not men who, like Mr. Deakin and himself, had been for a long time in public life; but at the same time he met them in no unfriendly spirit, and gave them full credit for their undoubted ability. (Cries of "Oh, oh," and cheers.) Never once was the slightest attempt made to embarrass them in the conduct of public business, but of course the time came when 25 could not govern 50—(hear, hear)—and the fact that the Labour Government was allowed to remain in office one day was a sign that they were not treated with any bitterness. But the time came when they accomplished their own shipwreck. When the Labour Government was defeated he had either to state that he would not undertake the task of forming a Ministry and leave Mr. Watson to get a dissolution, or accept the responsibility thrown upon him.

POLITICAL INEQUALITIES.

There was one reason why in his opinion a dissolution would have been inadvisable. They knew what the distribution of seats was in the election of 1903. The boundaries were all right in most of the States, but as between New South Wales and Victoria there was a monstrous inequality, which in one instance gave one member to 40,000 electors, and in another one member to 14,000 electors. (A Voice: "It is all right now.") If Mr. Watson had obtained a dissolution when he was defeated the same state of things would have arisen. They were doing all they could to remedy that blunder. They had got the rolls in, and they would be revised as speedily as the law would permit. Commissioners had been appointed to re-mark the boundaries in order to get some sort of approach of political equality to the electors of New South Wales and Victoria.

A MAJORITY OF TWO.

He did not allow a chaotic dissolution at the time by taking office, but he took office with a majority of two—not enough for most men, and barely enough for him. (Laughter.) When he took the contract on no one denounced him. So long as he could carry on with any sort of proper regard to the dignity of his office he could not complain of having a majority of only two, because he took office with it. The Opposition had the easiest possible way of bringing about a crisis, and he had told them so a dozen times. He would try to go on with useful legislation, but if they wanted a fight just let them stick him up for a few nights, and they would have it before they knew where they were. It was not his constitutional duty as leader of Parliament to play the part of the gentleman who carried the Opposition dagger. Let them plunge the dagger into the heart of Parliament by preventing it doing its work, and then he would or would not be allowed to do something or other. (Applause.) They must not try the Government by the last session, because they came into office at the end of it. They would think that the most irascible Irishman from Tipperary would be satisfied with the number of political fights the people of Australia had to put up with. It was time that men got rid of that phase of political madness and insanity, and tried to fancy they were free for business for a short time. The fight was bound to come later on.

STANDING ORDERS.

The Standing Orders of the House were a disgrace, for the House was at the mercy of any man who had got a sufficient degree of self-appreciation to speak for six or eight hours. It was monstrous that Parliament should be compelled to listen to speeches of that period, deliberately delivered to obstruct the duty of Parliament. (Cheers.) That was one of the first abuses that would be dealt with next session.

THE PRESS.

No man in Australia had a greater respect for the press as a public institution than he had. Some of the men who had come to Australia had told him that their leading papers were equal to the biggest organs of public opinion in the old world. He had no quarrel with the press. Public men had no right to go before the public if they were thin-skinned over press attacks. When all the papers spoke well of a man, the people might be sure he was a sort of man that no one else could put up with. (Laughter.) He had known of cases where men, utterly undeserving of public respect, had been lifted into positions of political success by the press. He had endeavoured, as far as he could, to take advice from all quarters. He could not conduct a campaign the planks of which were framed by the newspapers. He had a plan of campaign which he intended to follow out, and it was the duty of every man and woman who wished him well in his task of gathering up and arranging the disunited forces of liberalism, against the consolidated and enthusiastic forces opposed to him, to join heart and soul with him in the struggle. (Loud cheers.)

AGREEMENT WITH MR. DEAKIN.

Mr. Deakin and he had entered into an agreement. (Groans.) Let those gentlemen now groan for the agreement he entered into with Mr. Watson. (Loud laughter.) Mr. Deakin and he had entered into an agreement, so that they might unite for a great public object, without a sacrifice on either side of great political principles. The agreement was adopted when the Ministry was formed, and he intended to keep it. One of its terms was that if a dissolution took place before the end of the ordinary life of Parliament, they were to unite in fighting the Labour party on its un-Parliamentary methods, its undemocratic machinery, and its rabid socialism. (Loud cheers.) It was also agreed that if Parliament lasted the ordinary time then six months before it expired the Government must declare its attitude on the fiscal question, so that the electors would have an opportunity, six months before the next election, of deciding for themselves on the question. It was never intended to dictate to the people the policy they should adopt. It was for the people to either accept the policy of the Government, or that of that of the Labour party. He wished to tell his freetrade press friends that he fought the freetrade battle in New South Wales for years. When the vital question arose as to who was to be the first Federal Premier, with the power of shaping the destinies of the Commonwealth, nearly every freetrade paper in Australia discarded him, and said Mr. Barton should be Prime Minister. When that gentleman was appointed Prime Minister, and was in a strong protectionist citadel, "George" was told by the great freetrade papers to come along and turn the protectionists out. (Laughter.) Now, he called that a "yes-no" attitude. (Laughter.) If they had recognised his services as one who had taken the Federal question out of the dust-heap, it was just possible the people might have stood better that day than they did. He asked the people at the last elections to give him strength to revise the tariff, but they did not do so. He had only 25 supporters in a House of 75 members. Again his friends said: Why didn't he go and break his neck on that? The people told him not to do it, and it had left him free as a public man without any forfeiture of public honour or fidelity to principle to take up the great fight which found Mr. Deakin and a number of his supporters side by side with him. He was going to do his best to honourably preserve the compact he had made, and everything he had promised he would perform. He called upon the protectionists of Australia equally with the freetraders to suspend for a time the fatal strife—the strife that made them all the sort of a minority—until the united voice of the true democracy of Australia denounced the conspiracy against the principles of the constitution. (Great cheers.)

THE BANNER OF ANTI-SOCIALISM.

He intended to raise a banner which would have three words upon it, and he invited true Liberals to fight the battle once and for ever. The banner would bear the name of an "Anti-Socialistic League." (Cheers.) Whenever the battle came he hoped that on both sides it would be marked by fair, honest political discussion. He thought public men should work upon broader lines, and that the whole of politics should be devoted to national aims, untainted by personal selfishness, if they were going to work out a great destiny for Australia. (Great cheers.)

At the conclusion of his speech hearty cheers were given for the Prime Minister.

MELBOURNE SPORTING NOTES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Freedom was rather badly knocked about by a fall in the steeplechase at Flemington on Saturday, and is not likely to race for some time. Gladsome will leave for Sydney in about a fortnight. She will possibly be accompanied by Bright Beauty. A serious accident occurred on the training track at Flemington this morning. George Lynch, the 15-year-old son of Mr. James Lynch, the well-known trainer, was quietly exercising Zoroya, when the filly stumbled, rolling over her rider, who sustained concussion of the brain. The case is rather critical.

The racehorse Wairiki, which broke its shoulder last Melbourne Cup, and has since been at Flemington, under the care of Mr. S. O. Wood, has made a wonderful recovery, and is to be shipped to New Zealand by the Monowai on March 22. When the fractured bone had knitted, it was found that the leg was two inches short, and that the horse could only walk with the greatest difficulty. Mr. Wood had an aluminium frame, something in the shape of a hoof, made, and this was screwed to the horse's shoe after it had been shod in the ordinary way. With the aid of this Wairiki can now take walking exercise freely.

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MINISTERS IN THE NORTH

THE CLOSER SETTLEMENT FEVER.

INSPECTION OF COLLEY CREEK ESTATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

QUIRINDI, Monday.

The Premier, the Minister for Lands, and Mr. Nobbs, M.L.A., reached Quirindi this morning. The Mayor (Alderman Cox), members of the council and of the Quirindi Closer Settlement League, met the party at the station, and escorted them into the town, where a formal reception was extended. A petition was presented by the league praying for the resumption of Colley Creek Estate, a holding of some 42,000 acres, which impinges on the township, and shuts it in on one side. The Ministers had come to the place at the express invitation of the Closer Settlement League, which had been extended through Mr. Perry, the member for Liverpool Plains. Therefore, the first business taken in hand was an inspection of the estate, and shortly after their arrival the party set out, in company with the members of the league and prominent townspeople, to make an inspection. That involved a long and rough ride, an al fresco lunch, and a return by road at a pace so merrily cut out by a fast trotter that drew the Premier's sulky that the country side have something substantial to remember Mr. Carruthers's first visit by. In the evening the Premier was entertained at dinner, and the Mayor presided.

In proposing the toast of "The Ministry," he congratulated the Government upon the good work it had done in reorganising the finances. Referring to closer settlement, he said that, although Tamworth had got in first for the visit, he was sure Colley Creek would be resumed before Goonoo Goonoo was. The latter would cost at least three-quarters of a million; the former would cost about £100,000. (Applause.)

The Premier assured the company that he had come there not because of Colley Creek, but in his capacity as Premier on a visit to country centres. As to the selection of estates for resuming, the Government would act having regard to the best interests of the State, though not overlooking the interests of country towns. He had visited that day a fine pastoral and a fine agricultural estate, and if the Government could not transform them into busy settlements it was because they had to do according to their means. Closer settlement ought never to be treated by a Ministry or Parliament as a mere local question. It must be a national question. Any Government that attempted to send its Ministers about the country placating the people with fine promises and perhaps performances to get support would not be realising the true desires of the people as a whole in regard to closer settlement. (Applause.) This Government preferred to take the broad view, and then decide, whether it pleased or offended, according to the degree of good results which seemed to be obtainable after perusing all the proposals submitted. There would be occasions when, owing to the pressure of finance and the limits of prudence, omissions would be made. He did not want them to conclude from that that there would be an omission of Colley Creek or an inclusion of Goonoo Goonoo. (Hear, hear.) There was obviously something lacking in our land policy. His father was chairman of the first land league of New South Wales, which went far towards getting the Sir John Robertson Act of 1861; that failed to a large extent, because it had aggregated large freehold estates in the place of those large squattages held under license. (Applause.) Since he left Sydney he had seen enough vacant land to accommodate the population of Scotland and Wales, and before he went back he would have seen enough to accommodate all England's population. Yet there were but a handful of people on it. That was to a small extent due to the fact that many of the towns were hemmed in and constricted by large estates, and he thought it would not be a bad thing if in connection with local government the local authorities were given power to acquire land within reasonable limits of the town which were necessary for the extension of the town itself. (Applause.) The local bodies would be keen in their business methods in such transactions. Those enfolding estates were shutting out the tide of population from many promising towns in the north, in the south, and in the central districts. This Government was earnest in its work and its word. He had said he would not care if to-morrow he was not Premier. Some people would say he was talking through his neck, but while he would earnestly do his best for the State while he held the high and estimable office of Premier, yet he would rather have an hour's shooting in the creek like he had had that afternoon than he would have twelve months of Premiership. (Laughter and applause.) He was glad to have had Mr. Perry with him that day, for he had been a valuable man in Parliament, and of great assistance to the Government owing to his intimate acquaintance with agricultural affairs. (Cheers.)

Mr. C. P. Thomas proposed "Parliament," and Mr. Nobbs and Mr. Perry responded. When the latter referred to his effort made ten years ago to get into Parliament, one of the company interjected, "Yes, as a Labour member." Mr. Perry retorted that that was so, but he could not consistently lower himself down to the present Labour platform, especially as one of the planks refused him, or anyone, the right, after years of toil, to have a home of his own. (Applause.) This Government was doing admirable work, and it would have his support. The Minister for Lands had at his suggestion thrown open 60,000 acres in that district, which had needlessly been locked up. He had never gone to Mr. Ashton with a good case but the request made was granted. Referring more particularly to Parliament, he said he was agreeably surprised to find that so far from it being a drinking place, it was the soberest body of men he had ever met. He had previously vowed to abstain from drinking in Sydney, lest he might be drawn into the maelstrom of orgies, but there were no orgies, and no temptation to drink. (Applause.)

Mr. Ashton proposed the toast of "The District," and some other toasts were also given.

The Premier and party went on to Glen Innes, leaving the Minister for Lands to visit a third closer settlement estate at Gunnedah.

CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES.

A BAD FALL.

Arthur Green, aged 28, residing at Renwick-street, Marrickville, was admitted to the Sydney Hospital by Dr. Kay yesterday with a lacerated face and some scalp wounds, caused by a fall of about 15ft. The mishap was stated to have occurred in a timber yard at Blackwattle Bay, Pyrmont. The man's condition was considered as serious.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A TRAM.

A man named George Anderson, while crossing the road in William-street from Bourke-street yesterday morning, was knocked down by a tram. He was thrown several yards, and was picked up badly injured. On being taken to St. Vincent's Hospital it was found that he was suffering from concussion of the brain and probable fracture of the skull.

A MINER CRUSHED TO DEATH.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

A fatality occurred at the British mine at an early hour this morning, Thomas Ritch, 47, a miner, losing his life. Deceased and a mate had fired a couple of shots at crib time, and returned nearly an hour later to fire down loose ground. Whilst they were so engaged a mass of ore, weighing 4cwt, fell away from the back, and crushed Ritch beneath it. He leaves a widow and three or four children.

LATE MINING.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The sales and quotations to-day were:—

Silver: Broken Hill Block 10, b 41s 6d, s 42s; Broken Hill Proprietary, 42s 6d, 42s, b 42s, s 42s 6d; ditto Junction, 8s 1d, b 8s 1d, s 8s 3d; ditto Junction North, 7s 7d, 7s 4d, 7s 8½d, 7s 8d, b 7s 7d, s 7s 8d; ditto South, s 43s; ditto, paid, 50s, 49s 3d, b 49s, s 49s 6d; New White Leads, 11½d, b 10d, s 11d; North Broken Hill, b 24s 6d, s 24s 9d; Sulphide, 8s 2d, 8s 1d, b 8s, s 8s 2d.

Copper and gold: Mount Lyell, b 15s 3d, s 16s; ditto Block, 1s 1d, 1s 2d, b 1s 1½d, s 1s 2d; Crowl Creek, s 15s.

Tin: Briseis, 11s 9d, 11s 7½d, b 11s 6d, s 11s 9d; ditto Extended, £22 2s 6d, £22 10s, £22 5s, b £22, s £22 5s; New Brothers' Home No. 1, 21s 9d, 21s 6d, b 21s, s 21s 6d; Gladstone, £15 5s, £15, b £14 15s, s £15 5s.

Victorian mines: Birthday, b 12s 6d, s 16s; ditto, New Find, b 1s, s 1s 8d; ditto, paid, s 2s 6d; Birthday Tunnel, b 10s, s 10s 3d; Britannia United, 1s 11d, b 1s 6d, s 2s; Cassilis, 27s, b 27s, s 28s; Chiltern Valley, b 36s, s 37s; ditto, Cons., s 2s 6d; Don, 3s 1d; Duke of Wellington, 14s, 14s 6d, b 14s 3d, s 14s 6d; ditto, South, 1s, b 11d, s 1s; Great Southern, b 22s; ditto, No. 1, 3s, b 2s 11d, s 3s; Hustler's Reef, s 17s; ditto, No. 1, b 6s 9d, s 8s 1d; Jubilee, b 41s 6d; Junction Dredging, b 23s; ditto, paid, b 23s; King Cassilis, b 3s 7d, s 4s; Long Tunnel, £5 2s, £5 3s, b £5 2s, s £5 3s; ditto, Extended, £15 10s, £15 4s, b £15, s £15 4s; Lord Nelson, s 58s; Main Leads North, 14s 3d, b 14s; Mount Tarrangower, 1s 8d, 1s 6d, b 1s 6d, s 1s 7d; New Argus, 40s 3d, 40s 6d, b 40s 3d, s 40s 9d; New Chum Goldfields, 8s 9d; New Dempsey, b 13s; New Hopeful, b 12s, 12s 6d; New Moon, b £6 10s; New Moon Consolidated, b 10s; New Moon United, 4s 3d; North New Moon, s 45s; Prentice and Southern, b 4s, s 4s 8d; Rob Roy, 4d, b 4d, s 4½d; Royal Duke, 11d, s 1s 1d; South German, b 8s 6d, s 12s; South New Moon, b £10 7s, s £10 10s; Specimen Hill, b 20s, s 24s; West Berry Consols, b 3s, s 3s 4d.

Western Australian mines: Bayley's Consols, s 1s 9d; Black Range, b £4; Great Boulder, b 21s 3d, s 21s 9d; Tindals, s 1s 6d.

RETURN OF MR. HESKETH.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY IN AMERICA.

TELEGRAPH SYSTEMS IN EUROPE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Mr. J. Hesketh, who left Australia last June to represent Australia at the St. Louis Science Congress, arrived in Melbourne to-day by the R.M.S. China. He is chief electrician to the Queensland Postal Department, and was chosen to represent the Commonwealth on account of his familiarity with wireless telegraphy experiments made a year or so ago in Queensland. On arrival in Melbourne he called at the offices of the Central Postal Department, and handed his report to Mr. Scott, Secretary of the department, who received it in the absence of the Postmaster-General. Its contents will not be published until the Minister has perused it.

In a chat to-night concerning his trip to the old world Mr. Hesketh declined to say anything which could anticipate his report, but he made a number of interesting general observations. "While in America," said he, "I visited 23 cities and towns, and in some of them there were as many as six telephone exchanges. I also saw the operation of the telegraph system of the country. Several telephone companies have come into existence since the patents held by the Bell Telephone Company expired, and there is a good deal of competition between them. In America the wireless telegraphy system is largely used commercially, because the law in that country is different from that of Australia. But no system is yet perfect, because the difficulty of preventing the message sent by one system being heard in another office is not overcome. Once in New York harbour I was watching the receipt of an ethergram, and could hear the tick-tick of messages intended for other persons. The wireless system cannot yet be worked as cheaply as with wires."

"I left America for England on November 5. In the old country I saw the telephone systems from London as far north as Glasgow. I also went to the Continent, and looked at the telephone exchanges at Hamburg, Hague, Copenhagen, Paris, Berlin, Brussels, Antwerp, and other places, and the impression with which I have come back is that America has the best telephone system in the world, but that the telegraph system of Great Britain is ahead of all the rest. To my mind, the telephone system of New York is the best of all, and one feature of it is that there are no overhead wires. To some extent the switchboards are automatic, but the telephone attendants are not dispensed with. The glow-lamp system is in operation there. One reason for the general excellence of the American telephone systems is the fact that companies, like all Americans, send the old system and materials to the scrap heap as soon as another and better one is introduced."

"Do you think they will continue to do this?" Mr. Hesketh was asked.

"Well, I fancy stability is about reached now."

One thing which Mr. Hesketh noted was that the telephone charges in America are higher than those in the Commonwealth. A business man there pays £21 a year, and is allowed a certain number of calls for that sum. If he exceeds that number he has to pay extra.

Is the condenser system employed in America and Europe? was another question put to Mr. Hesketh. "Oh, yes, the telephone and telegraph messages are sent simultaneously over lines in the old world where it would not pay to erect a telephone line."

We have read at various times of the wonderful advances made in telegraphy in the old world, and Mr. Hesketh grew enthusiastic in his description of some of them. He saw the apparatus of Mr. Donald Murray, a former member of the "Herald" staff in Sydney. "By that invention," said he, "messages may be sent and automatically written on a typewriter at the other end at the rate of 120 words per minute. His apparatus was being tested at Berlin while I was there, and the results were very favourable. Mr. Murray, however, frankly admitted that he has discovered one or two weak points in his system, and he is now trying to eliminate them. The Russian Government has ordered four complete sets for experimental purposes, and there appears to be a bright future before his invention. But Mr. Murray has another invention. He has found it possible to have words actually set into type at the other end of the wire, and he does it by what may be called an electrical linotype. It sets letters and words as they are transmitted."

"Telautograph is another striking invention, and is very useful, but it is doubtful whether it has any practical value in Australia. By its use the handwriting of the sender is reproduced at the other end. Then there is another invention, by which a man may speak into an instrument to another man. If the person to whom the message is addressed happens to be out the message is recorded for him, and when he returns he has only to turn on the instrument and the message is spoken to him by a phonograph-like attachment."

One factor in connection with the superiority of the British telegraph system over that of America is the fact that the English newspapers are more inclined to take verbatim reports of important speeches than American ones are. The Wheatstone apparatus is, consequently, largely in use there, whereas it is not so much required in America.

ELECTRICAL CONFERENCE.

Now that Mr. Hesketh has returned a conference of the departmental electricians has been convened to be held in Melbourne on the 21st inst., when matters of interest to both telephone and telegraphic branches will be discussed.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The steamer Wakatipu cleared at the Customs to-day for Launceston, via Sydney, with 900 tons of coal, and 59 cases of biscuits; the steamer Ouraka for Melbourne, with 3510 tons of coal, and 20 tons of coke; the steamer Mareeba, for Melbourne, with 2250 tons of coal; and the steamer Heathford, for Manila, with 6000 tons of Wallsend coal.

The Italian barque Mairi Bhan arrived from Barbadoes to-day to load Messrs. Brown's coal for the West Coast. The American barquentine Benecia, which arrived on Saturday from Fremantle, loads Abermain coal for Honolulu; the barque Berwickshire, from Algoa Bay, loads Messrs. Brown's coal for Guayaquil; the barque Landskrona, from Algoa Bay yesterday, loads Messrs. Brown's coal for Honolulu; and the ship River Falloch, from Sydney, Caledonian coal for the West Coast.

WORK AT THE PITS.

The following is the time worked at the various collieries for the fortnight ended on Saturday:—Pelaw-Main, Dudley, Hebburn, Back Creek, Wallsend, and Stockton, 11 days; Hebburn-Greta, Abermain, 10½; Sea Pit, 10; Hetton, 9½; Northern Extended, 8½; Burwood, 7½; Maryland, Seaham, South Greta, 7½; East Greta and Killingworth, 7; West Wallsend, 6½; Stanford-Merthyr, New Lambton, 6; Newcastle Company's A and B pits, 4; Elermore Vale, 3; Pacific, 2; Co-operative, 1½; Rhondda and Lambton, 1; Lambton B and Waratah, 0 days.

At a meeting of the Wallsend miners on Saturday a statement was read showing the average wages earned by miners at Wallsend Colliery. The report showed that the gross average for the third pay of the quarter was 7s 10½d per day, with an average of 7s 2d per day, giving a weekly average of £1 15s 10d; the gross average for the fourth pay of the quarter was 8s 9d, and the net average 8s 1½d per day, giving a weekly average of £2 4s 9½d.

The Wallarah Coal Company has commenced operations with a view of removing the wreck of the steamer Shamrock, which lies near the jetty at Catherine Hill Bay.

The Mayor of Wickham has been informed by the Railway Commissioners that the watering of the tram lines will be resumed by the department to-morrow afternoon.

At a meeting of the district assembly of the Northern Political Labour League, held on Saturday at Broadmeadow, it was resolved: "That a demonstration be held in Newcastle at an early date to protest against tenders being accepted by the Government for the construction of locomotive engines and also against sending work to Sydney that can be done in Newcastle."

CHURCH NEWS.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL IN WALES.

The Rev. E. Stanley Wilkinson, preaching at St. Clement's Church, Mosman, on Sunday, referred to the remarkable religious revival in Wales, to which the attention of the public had been lately drawn. The word revival, in the eyes of numbers of the people, had, on account of its associations, become discredited, but when they considered some of the great revival movements of the past, through which the whole Church had been awakened from the lethargy into which it had fallen, there was no reason to be ashamed of the work. The Church had had its seasons of wonderful spiritual blessings brought on through revivals, the influence of which was felt in all its organisations. He believed that one of the great needs in Australian life to-day was a great religious awakening. They were living in an age the tendency of which was to misunderstand the sinfulness of sin, and to disregard the fundamental truths of the Christian religion. The true view of sin was in some quarters in danger of being lost through attempts to gloss over and explain away. What was needed was a great religious revival which would bring the hearts of the multitude into relation with the great Gospel truths of Christianity.

VICTORIA.

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Executive Council determined to-day to commute the death sentence passed on Jas. Rouhan for the murder of Kate Beachley at Ballarat in October last to imprisonment for the term of his natural life, without any remission whatever, notwithstanding any regulation or rule interpreting imprisonment for life to mean a term of years.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT IN VICTORIA.

The Cabinet has authorised the Land Purchase Board to make offers for two estates which are considered suitable for closer settlement.

The Ministers decided to leave the womanhood suffrage an open question.

The Railway Commissioners are in future to allow ½d per ton on the railway freight of Victorian coal brought to Melbourne for consumption. The Commissioners will receive a refund from the Treasury.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR SCHOOLBOYS.

During his visit to the other States the Minister for Defence intends interviewing the Ministers for Education with the view of securing their co-operation in furtherance of a scheme for military training of schoolboys.

THE RICHMOND POISONING CASE.

The Chief Commissioner of Police and the Government medical officer to-day had an interview with members of the State Cabinet relating to the recent development in the Richmond poisoning case, in which Rosina Hubbard, who was acquitted by the jury last month, has since admitted that she murdered her mother. Mr. Bent stated that further action was probable, but declined to indicate in what direction.

COUNTRY NEWS.

FIRE AT WOLLONGONG.

WOLLONGONG, Monday.

This evening, shortly after 7.30 o'clock, Edwards Bros.' fruit shop caught fire, and in a few moments the flames were bursting out of the top story. Firemen were quickly on the scene, and the flames were extinguished within a quarter of an hour. The premises are insured in the Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Company, but the occupiers will be heavy losers, as the stock, which was uninsured, was considerably damaged by fire and water.

FIRE AT A MINE.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

What might have been a serious fire occurred last evening at the Broken Hill Block 10 mine, but fortunately was averted by the strenuous exertions of the men employed at the mine. The outbreak occurred in the candle-house, lately used by the shift bosses as a changing-house. The building, which consists of two rooms, was completely gutted. It was insured, in conjunction with the adjoining building, for £100. The contents of the two buildings were insured for £40. The amount of damage done is set down at £70.

MUNICIPAL.

KIAMA, Monday.

At a meeting of the Jamberoo Municipal Council a communication was read from the Mayor of Carcoar, asking the council's co-operation in giving effect to the following resolution, which was unanimously carried at a meeting of the Carcoar Council:—"That this meeting views with alarm the proposal to construct the transcontinental railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta, making the New South Wales taxpayers responsible for more than one-third of the cost, up-keep, and interest bill, and objects strongly to the project being carried out unless first partly justified by the Commonwealth Parliament deciding to accept Lyndhurst as the Federal city, Lyndhurst being on the direct route Sydney to Perth. Passengers, mails, etc., would come on direct to the Federal city and Sydney, when the loop from Broken Hill to Cobar is completed, and from Brisbane to Lyndhurst, etc., provided the Werris Creek to Wellington loop be built. The State railway revenue would then be augmented mainly from the great mineral belts of the west and north-west, and much new country would be made productive and brought in touch with the chief seaports of the States." The Jamberoo Council decided to co-operate as requested.

THE CHURCHES.

BATHURST, Monday.

The Rev. Mr. Steed, who has been pastor of the Baptist Church here during the last four years, has accepted a call to North Sydney.

NOWRA, Monday.

Colonel Hoskins, State Commandant of the Salvation Army, with Major Gallant and Ensign Howarth, conducted special services here on Saturday, yesterday, and to-day. A harvest festival was held at the barracks. There were crowded attendances.

PAMBULA, Monday.

The Rev. J. H. Williams, rector of Christ Church, Pambula, has accepted the position of locum tenens to the Rev. H. E. Hetherington, of Binda, who purposes taking a trip to England next month. The Rev. J. H. Williams was incumbent of the parish in which Binda was included some 25 years ago.

PICTON, Monday.

The Rev. H. S. Begbie preached a farewell sermon to a large congregation at St. Mark's Church last night. He has been called to St. Mary's, North Melbourne.

BELLINGER HEADS, Monday.

The channel below the wharf has shoaled up, and vessels are compelled to proceed to seaward over the crossing when half loaded, the remainder of the cargo being punted down. The ketch Zelma, partially loaded, went aground on Friday morning, and was only floated off yesterday afternoon. She completely blocked all traffic in the river.

WAGGA, Saturday.

The representatives of Mr. George Maiden and Mr. P. H. Morton have been in the Wagga district purchasing horses, which it is understood are intended for the use of the Japanese Government. A large number of useful animals were secured.

A fire occurred on Tuesday evening. A settler named J. Moloney was burning off stubble at Monlacoo, between Wagga and Coolamon, when the fire caught two large haystacks, valued at £150, which were completely destroyed.

WEE WAA, Monday.

At about 1 o'clock on Saturday morning the residence of Mr. John Graham, at Waverley, Wee Waa, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Graham states that he was awakened about the time stated by hearing a crackling noise. He at once got up and found the kitchen all ablaze. He immediately took his wife and family from the house, and then tried to save the furniture, but, beyond a few clothes, nothing was saved, as the fire spread rapidly, the whole of the premises being demolished in a very short time. The house was owned by Mr. Graham. It was constructed of wood, and consisted of four rooms and a kitchen. The building was insured in the Royal for £100.

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY CONGRESS.

AUSTRALASIAN REPRESENTATIVES.

In railway circles considerable interest is manifested in the great International Railway Congress which is to meet at Washington, U.S.A., at the commencement of May. It is one of the world's most representative gatherings, and this year the delegates will speak on behalf of interests equalling the stupendous total of £5,400,000,000. The conferences are held at five-year intervals, and are practically representative of all civilised countries in the globe. The headquarters are at Brussels, the convening body being the Belgium Government. This year's gathering is more important from the fact that it will be the first time the conference has been held in the Western world, and the United States Government and the Railway Association are endeavouring to make the occasion specially attractive. The proceedings are to be conducted in English.

Every phase of railway business will be brought under review, experts in the many varied railway subjects submitting reports which have been under compilation since the previous conference, and bringing best railway practices up to date. These will be debated in sections. Many of the questions discussed will probably have special bearing on Australasian railway problems, and should prove of considerable value.

Australasia will have representatives at the conference from Western Australia, South Australia, New Zealand, and New South Wales, Mr. H. McLachlan (secretary to the Railway Commissioners) and Mr. J. Fraser (Engineer-in-Chief) representing the last-named State. Both these officers have been trained on the New South Wales lines, and are thoroughly able to recognise the bearing of the questions discussed on the local railways. They are to leave in a few days for the States.

The benefits of the discussions at the conference are very considerable, but perhaps the greater benefit is derived from the personal intercourse and interchange of ideas with the leading railway men of the world. Six hundred or more delegates are expected to attend. The American railways are laying themselves out to show the best American appliances and systems of working.

THE DEANERY ENDOWMENT FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I read with interest the paragraph in Saturday's religious column referring to the Deanery Endowment Fund, concerning which, as was stated, "the great Anglican community appears to be very apathetic." The amount asked for as an endowment, viz., £10,000, by the committee which was appointed in August, 1902, is by no means an extravagant sum, and yet up to the present time only £2671 has been received. The appeal has indeed been met with apathy.

It is also stated that, in addition to an appeal "in vigorous language made by Sir Harry Rawson," various appeals have been made for this object. Now, it may serve to awaken further interest in the whole question to recall to mind some of them. It will show how strong have been the appeals that have been made. Bishop Pain was the first to write on the subject. In your issue of June 18, 1902, a few days after the death of the Dean, he wrote:—"I venture to suggest that if his numerous friends, who have shown such unmistakable proof of their respect and admiration for him, are desirous, as I believe they are, of providing a memorial for him, they could scarcely do better than raise at once a substantial sum to be devoted to the object he deemed to be so necessary. . . . How could his friends better show their appreciation of his life and work than by making ample provision for a successor to him in the office?"

At a meeting held on August 27 following at Cranbrook under the presidency of Sir Harry Rawson, to inaugurate the memorial fund, and at which a committee was appointed, resolutions were passed and earnest addresses were delivered by representative churchmen. Archdeacon Gunther said:—"The position of dean was no sinecure. It was an onerous and responsible position, requiring to be filled by a strong, staunch member of the clergy in the prime of life. The occasion was a special one, and the Church should rise to it." Sir H. M. Stephen, then Acting Chief Justice, spoke of the apathy of the Church of England, and pointed out that a cathedral without a dean was like a diocese without a bishop. At the conclusion of the meeting Sir Harry Rawson said that the cathedral represented the Church of England in the diocese, and the members of that Church would surely find the required sum.

In October the committee drew up and widely distributed a circular setting forth the object of the endowment, and appealed with confidence to church people to subscribe a sum of not less than £10,000.

The Archbishop, in his address to Synod in September, 1902, said:—"Let church people combine in their minds the two ideas of a memorial to our late Dean, W. M. Cowper, so unanimously respected by all, so affectionately remembered by many; and of the necessity that the cathedral of the diocese should be saved from what would hamper its dignity and usefulness."

In September, 1904, soon after his return from England, in his address to Synod, the Archbishop said, speaking of this fund:—"I am bound to express my great disappointment at the seeming neglect of it. It began pretty well, but during the year that has elapsed since last Synod . . . . only £160 has been added. Why is this tardiness, this apparent withholding of sympathy and support? Can it be that party spirit checks prompt generosity? Can it be that the memory of Dean Cowper and of his long and valued services is dying out? Is the importance of a dean's office in this metropolitan cathedral considered slight?"

Soon after this the Archbishop addressed a letter to the clergy of the diocese of Sydney in which he said:—"I feel that the clergy and laity of the diocese have not risen to an adequate appreciation of their duty, and of their opportunity in this matter. I earnestly desire that greater and wider interest may be taken in this endeavour to honour the memory of Dean Cowper and to place the cathedral endowment on a more satisfactory financial basis than that on which it now rests."

And lastly came a powerful appeal by the Bishop of Newcastle in St. Andrew's Cathedral on St. Andrew's Day last, November 30. It will not be readily forgotten by those who heard it. He showed how the cathedral stood for the unity of the diocese, and that it could hold no independent position, but that parishes and cathedral should work hand in hand. This is an important point, and suggestive of some organised effort on the part of the parishes for this fund. The Bishop then said that the feeling of the whole diocese should be expressed in some such words as these: "'It ought to be done; it must be done; it shall be done;' and then church people would soon look back and say 'it has been done.'"

It will be apparent that everything that is necessary has been said on behalf of the fund. What numbers of church people are now waiting for is for something more to be done. The question that should be seriously considered is that the Church in the diocese, and in the province as well, is suffering by reason of the vacancy caused by the death of Dean Cowper not having been filled. "We do not half use our cathedrals," said the Dean of Gloucester some time ago. There are many who feel this with regard to our own cathedral.

The time, then, has surely come—and tardily enough, as indicated in paragraph referred to above—for a united practical response to the many appeals that have been made, so that the revered memory of Dean Cowper may be honoured, the efficiency of cathedral work increased, and the reproach of want of adequate appreciation of duty and opportunity removed.

I am, etc.,
E. STANLEY WILKINSON.
St. Clement's Rectory, Mosman, March 13.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of Saturday mention is made of the desire to appoint a very popular prelate, and a preacher of great excellence, as the future Dean. Doubtless, if the funds existed, the said appointment would give good results. Unfortunately, there is no endowment, and there is no reasonable expectation of providing the required endowment, and is it wise at this period for the English Church to indulge in luxuries. Too frequently a Deanery becomes a well-paid sinecure. If the authorities recognise that it is necessary to have a Dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral, let them examine the finance of diocese, and not seek for contributions. Let the required revenue for the Deanery be obtained from certain property in the diocese, that to-day provides much revenue for a few rich parishes. Suburbs inhabited by the wealthy require no aid from glebe lands. If rich people are unable to support their parish church, perhaps it is better to close the church. Some folk appear anxious to have a Dean of Sydney, but they do not exhibit very great concern in promoting new parishes, or preparing for the future. At this time the following districts require attention:—Kensington: In a few years this locality will be covered with houses; a fair number exist to-day, but no church. Double Bay: Ten years back this was a very beautiful locality, with a few scattered houses; to-day it is closely populated, but no church. It is not necessary to enter into detail, but it is evident the English Church is not gaining ground; thus it does not seem very wise to be over-anxious in having a Dean. More briefly, some parishes have too much money, and others too much poverty. I am, etc.,
March 13. H. W. L.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.*
*Letters, provided they are posted in the special box at the G.P.O., which will be opened for that purpose during the time stated hereafter, will be accepted without late fee from 5.30 to 6 p.m. for places in South Australia, and from 6 to 6.45 p.m. for Adelaide only.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30† and 7 p.m.
†Letters, provided they are posted in the special box at the G.P.O., which will be open for that purpose during the time stated hereafter, will be accepted without late fee from 5.30 to 6 p.m. for all places in Victoria, and from 6 to 6.45 p.m. for Melbourne only.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.††
††Letters for Queensland will be accepted without late free for the Northern express from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m., if posted at G.P.O., in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.
Hobart.—Westralia, 11 a.m.
Wardell (R.R.)—Tomki, 1 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Nerong, 4 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
Laurieton.—Bellinger, 5 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.**
Dunedin, etc. (N.Z.), via Melbourne.—Moeraki, 5.30 p.m.
Hobart, via Melbourne.—Moeraki, 5.30 p.m.**
Clarence River.—Nymboida, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Noorebar, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Launceston and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Eden.—Wakatipu, 9 a.m.
Eden.—Wakatipu, 9 a.m.
Hobart.—Marmora, 10 a.m.
Ocean Vila (New Hebrides) and Gilbert Islands.—Wallaend, 11 a.m.
Auckland, etc., N.Z.—Mokoia, 11 a.m.
Tahiti and Rarotonga, from Auckland.—Taviuni, 11 a.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 6 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Macassar and Sourabaya, via Brisbane.—Varzin, 3.45 p.m.
Samarai and Port Moresby, via Brisbane.—Wyandra, 3.45 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—G.M.S. Bremen, 5 p.m.
G.M.S. Bremen (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.**
Western Australia, via Adelaide—Grantala, 5.30 p.m.**
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Wareatea, 7 p.m.

PARCEL MAIL.

Parcels addressed to the United Kingdom, Egypt, Ceylon, India, Malta, Hongkong, and Continent of Europe will be received at the Parcels Office, basement, G.P.O., George-street, for transmission per P. and O. Company's steamer Marmora, up to 9.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, March 15. For transmission per C.A. steamship Miowera up to 10.30 a.m. on MONDAY, March 20. For transmission per German steamer Scharnhorst up to 11 a.m. on SATURDAY, April 1. For transmission per M.M. steamer Nera up to 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, March 27. For transmission per Lund's steamer Wakool up to 5 p.m. on FRIDAY, March 24.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 13.

Wyandra, s, 4057 tons, Captain James Grahl, from Melbourne. Passengers—104 in the saloon and 72 in the second cabin. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.
Wodonga, s, 2341 tons, Captain J. E. Mesburn, from Cooktown, Port Douglas, Cairns, Townsville, Bowen, Mackay, and Brisbane. Passengers—47 in the saloon and 56 in the second cabin. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.
Era, s, 2578 tons, Captain J. Rowlands, from Port Pirie. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents.
Barrabool, s, 942 tons, Captain G. Smith, from Brisbane. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents.
Tomki, s, 569 tons, Captain E. Balfour, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.
Kuroka, s, 170 tons, Captain Murray, from Nambucca River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.
Dorrigo, s, 304 tons, Captain Molloy, from Byron Bay and Coff's Harbour. G. W. Nicoll, agent.
Noorebar, s, 670 tons, Captain Hunter, from Byron Bay. G. W. Nicoll, agent.
Tuncurry, s, 162 tons, Captain O'Bierne, from Cape Hawke. Allen Taylor and Co., agents.
Karori, s, 1983 tons, Captain C. Suffern, from Devonport. F. W. Jackson, agent.
Easby, s, 1489 tons, Captain Wallace, from Devonport. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., agents.
Wyrallah, s, 302 tons, Captain J. Munro, from Melbourne. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., agents.
Louise Roth, s, 3434 tons, Captain Thompson, from Delagoa Bay. W. Scott Fell and Co., agents.
Guldregn, bq, 640 tons, Captain Martinsen, from Hokianga. R. S. Lamb and Co., agents.
Moorabool, s, 2996 tons, Captain L. Thompson, from Melbourne and Geelong. Howard Smith Company, Limited, agents.
Cooloon, s, 288 tons, Captain James Colvin, from Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour. Langley Brothers, agents.
Wakatipu, s, 1945 tons, Captain H. A. Morrisby, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

DEPARTURES.—March 13.

Euryalus, s, for Calcutta, via Newcastle and ports.
Wyrallah, s, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Kadina, s, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.
Easby, s, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Dilpussund, bq, for Fiji, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—March 14.

Varzin, s, for Continent, via Queensland and Java ports; Westralia, s, for Hobart; Wodonga, s, for Melbourne; Wyandra, s, for Brisbane and Northern ports; Barrabool, s, for Brisbane and ports; Noorebar, s, for Byron Bay and Trial Bay; Cooloon, s, for Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga; Augusta, s, Wollumbin, s, and Duroby, s, for Tweed River; Tomki, s, for Richmond River; Kallatina, s, for Clarence River and Trial Bay; Nerong, s, for Nambucca River; Dorrigo, s, for Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga; Coomonderry, s, for Nowra and Berry; Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company's steamer for Wollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven; Hawke, s, for Port Stephens; Bellinger, s, for Camden Haven; Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company's steamer for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—March 13.

Euryalus, s, 3570 tons, Captain M. Robinson, for Calcutta, via Newcastle, Melbourne, Java, and Singapore. Passenger—Mr. C. Pears.
Kadina, s, 2710 tons, Captain P. Barry, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.
Easby, s, 1489 tons, Captain W. Wallace, for Melbourne, via Newcastle, with through cargo for Newcastle.
Wyrallah, s, 302 tons, Captain G. Munro, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Dilpussund, bq, 580 tons, Captain Thomas Richards, for Fiji, via Newcastle, in ballast.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—March 13.

Hawke, s, for Port Stephens; Louisa Messell, sch, for Camden Haven.

IMPORTS.—March 13.

(A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.)

Wyandra, s, from Melbourne: 30 bgs bark, 50 bgs flour, 44 bgs and 144 loose hides, 46 csks and 100 cs wine, 31 cs boots, 1665 cs fruit, 770 cs oilmen's stores, 120 cs wax vestas, 22 cs hats, 261 ingts zinc, 34 bgs carrots, 107 bgs onions, 38 bgs stationery, 40 bgs bolts and nuts, 25 bls strawboards, 60 doors, 50 sks peas, 100 bgs bacon, 50 bgs maize, 700 bgs oats, 20 cs tobacco, 100 cs merchandise, 306 pkgs sundries.
Karori, s, from Devonport: 1000 bars copper, 5847 bgs ore, 11,927 bgs potatoes, 1758 sks oats, 203 sks turnips, 254 sks peas, 923 bls straw, 58 sks grass seed, 39 bgs chaff, 250 bgs bags, and sundries.
Barrabool, s, from Brisbane: 140 bgs bone dust, 50 bgs pumpkins, 9 bgs bones, 75 bgs bacon, 36 bgs ham, 6 bgs pork, 10 bgs arrowroot, 88 bdls shooks, 257 cs cheese, 604 cs preserved fruits, 233 cs preserved meat, 45 cs eggs, 27 cs butter, 15 cs arrowroot, 20 cs ham and bacon, 112 empties, 284 bgs hides, 194 bls wool, 28 bls skins, 517 cs fruit, 23,000ft timber, samples, and sundries.
Kyarra, s, from Fremantle, via ports: 1 bl wool, 80 bgs onions, 59 bgs ore, 5 cs boots, 107 cs jam, 20 bgs peas, 20 pkgs rope, 115 pkgs machinery, 5 steel joists, 10 bgs clay, 27 chsts tea, 375 bgs bark, 20 pkgs horseshoes, 1220 bgs chaff, 124 bdls shares, 20 pkgs ploughs and parts, 208 bgs barley, 60 crts bottles, 20 csks eggs, 100 bgs barley, 50 bgs flour, 745 bgs salt, 10 drms oil, 121 csks pitch, 542 bls fodder, and sundries.
Wodonga, s, from Queensland ports: 28 cs, 3650 bnchs bananas, 542 cs pines, 108 cs fruit, 20 cs seed potatoes, 16 sks coarse salt, 10 kgs paint, 18 hides, 14 cs herrings, 254 pcs pine, 20 cs arrowroot, 422 bls wool, 102 bgs tin ore, 162 bls scoured wool, 20 cs cheese, 80 bgs bones, 7723 bgs bullion, 10 cs separators, 15 cs whisky, 6 logs cedar, 4 bxs gold worth £5551, 5 bxs gold weighing 412oz, and sundries.
Easby, s, from Devonport: 258 bgs oats, 231 bgs peas, 5077 bgs potatoes, 661 bgs turnips, and sundries.
Wyrallah, s, from Melbourne: 784 cs fruit.
Guldregn, bq, from Hokianga: 543,175ft white pine.
Nera, F.M.S., from Noumea: 54 bls wool, 73 bgs hides, 1 piano, 8 pkgs beche-de-mer, and sundries.
Noorebar, s, from Byron Bay: 2500 bxs butter, 60 tins lard, 28 cs bacon, 60 tins lard, 30 bgs heads, 100 bgs grass seed, 32 pine logs, 150 hides, 3 bundles skins, and sundries.
Tomki, s, from Richmond River: 1337 bxs butter, 16 cs and 13 sks bacon, 38 cs eggs, 9 cs fish, 2 cs fruit, 16 hides and 13 sks, 11 bls boxwood, 3 bgs horns, 14 cs honey, 8 pigs, 4 csks tallow, 34 bls millet, 8 bgs beans, 24 bgs oysters, 17 bgs maize, 4 cps poultry, 3 bls skins, 24 sks seeds, 11,000ft boxwood, 4000ft beech, 5 rosewood logs, 6000ft red bean timber, and sundries.
Era, s, from Port Pirie: 1260 tons lead, 1200 tons sulphide, 50 tons copper, 10 tons flour.
Macleay, s, from Richmond and Clarence Rivers: 100 tons molasses and 52 pine logs.

EXPORTS.—March 13.

Euryalus, s, for Singapore and Calcutta, via Newcastle and Melbourne: 49 pcs cedar, 19 drums 10 cylinders ammonia, 25 bgs bran, 25 bgs oats, 10,108 sleepers, 2019 pcs sawn timber, 5 bgs 14 cs advertising matter.

Customs-house.—Entered outwards: March 13, Westralia, s, for Hobart; Whakatane, s, for Auckland; Barrabool, s, for Brisbane; Era, s, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle; Wyandra, s, for Cooktown, via Brisbane and ports; Wodonga, s, for Melbourne; Kyarra, s, for Fremantle, via ports; Karori, s, for Strahan, via Newcastle and Kembla.

The following telegrams were received yesterday respecting the condition of the bars at high water:—Camden Haven Heads, 7ft on bar; Ballina, 14ft on bar, 14ft 9in on inside channel; Manning Heads, 9ft on bar, 8ft on crossing; Cape Hawke, 7ft 6in on bar; Yamba, 13ft 6in on bar, 12ft 6in on crossing, gauge 2ft 8in; Bellinger Heads, 8ft 9in on bar, 6ft on crossing; Lake Macquarie, 7ft 3in on bar.

A cable received yesterday from New Caledonia states that the M.M. Company's steamer Pacifique, from Sydney, arrived at Noumea at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Oceana left Fremantle yesterday, and leaves Colombo 24th, Aden 30th March, and Port Said 3rd April. She will arrive at Marseilles on 8th, and London 15th April.
The R.M.S. Mongolia left Colombo 10th, and leaves Aden 16th, and Port Said 20th. She will arrive at Marseilles 25th March, and London 1st April.
The R.M.S. Britannia arrived at Marseilles 11th and is due at London 18th inst.
The R.M.S. China leaves Melbourne to-day, and will arrive at Sydney on the 16th inst.
The R.M.S. Moldavia will arrive at Fremantle 20th, Adelaide 24th, Melbourne 26th, and Sydney 29th inst.
The R.M.S. Victoria will arrive at Port Said to-day, Aden 19th, Colombo 25th, Fremantle 4th April, Adelaide 8th, Melbourne 10th, and Sydney 13th April.
The G.M.S. Friedrich der Grosse arrived in Colombo on the 11th inst, homeward bound, being two days ahead of contract time.

THE WHITE STAR LINERS.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., managing agents for the White Star Line, report:—
The Afric left Sydney Jan. 28, and Melbourne Feb. 3. She arrived at Capetown Feb. 28, and is due at London March 25.
The Medic is in port at Liverpool, and will sail March 16. She is due at Capetown April 5, Albany April 20, Adelaide April 25, Melbourne April 28, and at Sydney May 5.
The Persic is in port at Sydney, and will sail March 22. She will leave Melbourne March 29, and is due at Natal April 24, Capetown April 27, and at London May 20.
The Runic left Liverpool Feb. 16, and Capetown March 6. She is due at Albany March 23, Adelaide March 28, Melbourne March 31, and at Sydney April 7.
The Suevic left Sydney Feb. 22, and Melbourne March 1. She is due at Natal March 27, Capetown March 30, and at London April 22.
The Cufic left Sydney Feb. 17, and Melbourne Feb. 24. She is due at London April 19.
The Tropic is in port, and will sail to-morrow. She will leave Melbourne March 22, and is due at London May 15.

THE ABERDEEN LINERS.

The managing agents for the Aberdeen line, Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., advise:—
The Damascus left Sydney March 4, and Melbourne March 10. She is due at Natal April 2, and at London April 30.
The Marathon left Sydney Feb. 4, and Melbourne Feb. 10. She arrived at Natal March 2, and is due at London March 27.
The Miltiades is in port at Brisbane, and will sail from Sydney on March 25. She will leave Melbourne March 31, and is due at Natal April 20, and at London May 16.
The Moravian left Plymouth Feb. 8, and Capetown March 3. She is due at Melbourne March 23, and at Sydney March 27.
The Nineveh is in port at London, and will sail March 21. She is due at Capetown April 13, Melbourne May 3, and at Sydney May 8.
The Salamis left Sydney Jan. 21, and Melbourne Jan. 27. She arrived at Natal Feb. 19, and at London March 19.
The Sophocles left Plymouth March 2, and is due at Capetown March 24, Melbourne April 13, and at Sydney April 17.

THE GULF LINE.

Messrs. W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited, managing agents in Australia for the Gulf line of steamers, report the following movements:—
The Gulf of Ancud is in the Atlantic trade.
The Gulf of Venice is loading frozen meat at Rockhampton for Manila. She calls at Newcastle for timber and coals, and completes at Brisbane.
The Macquarie is trading in the East.
The Oriana arrived at Dunkirk on Feb. 25.

FEDERAL-HOULDER-SHIRE LINES.

Messrs. Birt and Co., Limited, Sydney agents for the undermentioned steamers, report movements as follows:—The Cornwall is trading between the River Plate and United Kingdom. The Devon is trading between the River Plate and South Africa. The Dorset arrived at London Feb. 7. The Durham is trading between the River Plate and United Kingdom. The Essex left Auckland 5th inst for London, via Monte Video. The Kent left Newcastle 12th inst for Rockhampton. The Norfolk left Capetown 10th inst for London. The Somerset arrived Port Chalmers 9th inst. The Suffolk left Capetown 9th inst. for United Kingdom. The Surrey is trading between the River Plate and South Africa. The Sussex is trading between the River Plate and United Kingdom. The Ayrshire arrived London Feb. 27. The Banffshire left Capetown March 11 for Australia. The Buteshire is at Capetown. The Fifeshire arrived Auckland 12th inst. The Morayshire is in port at Sydney. The Nairnshire arrived London Jan. 31. The Perthshire left Auckland Feb. 3 for London. The Carpentaria is to sail from London. The Whakatane is in port at Sydney. The Waipara left London Feb. 1 for Brisbane.

Messrs. Houlder Brothers and Co., Limited, report movements of their steamers as follows:—
The Urmston Grange sailed from Dunkirk for London Feb. 12. The Langton Grange left Capetown Feb. 28 for Melbourne. The Drayton Grange left Adelaide March 11 for Africa and London, via Fremantle. The Rippingham Grange was at Durban March 8. The Oswestry Grange was at London Feb. 13. The Everton Grange left Liverpool Feb. 12 for Adelaide. The Haverstham Grange passed Las Palmas Feb. 3, bound to Buenos Ayres. The Elstree Grange was at Liverpool Feb. 4.

THE UNION LINERS.

The Oonah arrived at Hobart at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and leaves again for Sydney direct at 10 a.m. to-day.
The Wakatipu sails at 10 a.m. to-morrow, for Launceston, via Eden.
The Waikare left Wellington at 4 p.m. on Saturday, for Sydney, and is due to-morrow.
The Moeraki leaves Melbourne for Bluff, via Hobart, at 4 p.m. to-morrow.
The Wanaka left Port Chalmers on Saturday for Newcastle direct.
The Karori leaves Sydney to-night for Strahan, via Newcastle and Kembla.

AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

Messrs. Birt and Co., Ltd, Dangar, Gedye, and Co., and Houlder Brothers and Co., Ltd, joint agents, report movements of their New York steamers as follows:—
The Morayshire is at Sydney.
The Terje Viken sailed from New York Feb. 28 for New Zealand ports direct.
The Koranna sailed from New York March 4 for Australian ports.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S.S. COMPANY'S FLEET.

The Australian sailed from Port Darwin March 1, en route to Yokohama.
The Empire sails from Melbourne 15th, Geelong 17th, and Sydney March 22, for Yokohama, via usual ports and Timor.
The Eastern sails from Hongkong March 14, en route from Yokohama to Australian ports.

SALE OF THE ROTOKINO.

Our Wellington (New Zealand) correspondent telegraphed yesterday:—"The Union Company's steamer Rotokino has been sold to an Eastern company. She leaves shortly for Japan, via Newcastle."

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

THURSDAY ISLAND (2000 miles).—Arr: March 13, Maranoa, s, from Brisbane. Dep: March 13, Airlie, s, for Brisbane.
CAIRNS (1400 miles).—Arr: March 12, Buninyong, s, from Sydney; Papuan, sch, from Cooktown. Dep: March 11, Chillagoe, s, for Sydney.
TOWNSVILLE (1370 miles).—Arr: March 13, Barcoo, s, from Brisbane. Dep: March 13, Taiyuan, s, for Hongkong; Colac, s, and Aramac, s, both for Sydney.
KEPPEL BAY (877 miles).—Dep: March 13, Arawatta, s, for Cooktown.
BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: March 13, Wollowra, s, Fazilka, s, Albany, s, and Warrego, s, all from Sydney. Dep: March 13, Barrier, s, for Townsville.
TWEED HEADS (374 miles).—Dep March 12, Duroby, s, at noon.
BYRON BAY (345 miles).—Arr: March 12, Cavanba, s, early. Passed March 13, Kent, s, at 12.15 p.m., north.
RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331 miles).—Arr: March 13, Ramornie, s, at 9.50 a.m. Dep: City of Grafton, s, at 2.50 p.m., for Sydney.
CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Arr: March 13, Kyogle, s, at daylight, from Sydney.
BELLINGER HEADS (230 miles).—Arr: March 13, Rosedale, s, at 1 p.m., from Port Macquarie.
PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Arr: March 13, Hastings, s, at 8 a.m.; Phil. Forbes, ktch, at 8.30 a.m.; Myall, sch, at 11 a.m. Dep: March 12, Rosedale, s, at midnight.
CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (159 miles).—Arr: March 12, Isabella Defraine, ktch, at 11.20 a.m.; Gleaner, ktch, at 2.5 p.m.; Australia, sch, at 10.40 a.m.; Lady Smith, ktch, at 11.40 a.m.
MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—March 13, Rosella, sch, Kincumber, s, both bar bound.
CAPE HAWKE (123 miles).—Dep: March 13, Aleta, sch, at 1 p.m., for Sydney.
PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Arr: March 13, Baroona, s, at 11.25 a.m., from Newcastle. Dep: March 13, S. A. Hayward, ktch, at 7 a.m., Waratah, sch, at 7.45 a.m.; Hawke, s, at 12.40 p.m., for Sydney; Baroona, s, at 1.25 p.m., for Newcastle. Passed: Blackheath, s, at 5 p.m.; St. George, s, at 5.30 p.m., both south.
NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: March 13, Wakatipu, s, Myee, s, Lady Mabel, sch, Countess of Errol, sch, Sophia Ann, s, Wyrallah, s, Helen Nicoll, s, Admiral, ktch, from Sydney; Mairi Bhan, lt. bq, from Barbadoes; Milton, s, from Albany; Hawke, s, from Port Stephens; St. George, s, from Richmond River. Dep: March 13, Alice, s, Burrunda, tug, Lady Mabel, sch, Newcastle, s, for Sydney; Wakatipu, s, for Launceston, via Sydney, with 900 tons coal and 59 cs biscuits; Hawke, s, for Sydney; Heathford, s, for Manila, with 6000 tons of Wallsend coal.
LAKE MACQUARIE (54 miles).—Dep: March 13, Colo, s, at 1.15 p.m., for Sydney.
BELLAMBI (41 miles).—Arr: March 13, Currajong, s, at 6 a.m., from Sydney.
JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Arr: March 13, Jessie, ktch, put into bay at 9.30 a.m. Passed: A ship in light trim, in tow, at 12.10 p.m., Glaucus, s, at 1 p.m., both north.
BATEMAN'S BAY (134 miles).—Dep: March 13, Bega, s, at 1.15 p.m., for Sydney.
MORUYA HEADS (141 miles).—Dep: March 13, Coomonderry, s, at 1.30 p.m., for Sydney.
GABO ISLAND (238 miles).—Passed: March 13, Time, s, at 12.30 p.m., west.
MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: March 13, Oceana, R.M.S., from London; County of Ayr, bq, from Hokianga; Empire, s, and Tainan, s, both from Japan and Hongkong, via Sydney; Gabo, s, Hobart, s, and Bremen, s, all from Sydney; Scharnhorst, G.M.S., from Bremen; Kooringa, s, from Newcastle; Moonta, s, from Newcastle; Barwon, s, from Newcastle. Dep: March 13, Loongana, s, for Launceston; Kawatiri, s, for Stanley.
HOBART (648 miles).—Arr: March 13, Telamon, s, at 4.20 p.m., from Sydney. March 13, H.M.S. Psyche, at 3.50 p.m., from New Zealand; Waipori, s, at 5.15 p.m., from Westport, New Zealand.
LOW HEAD (509 miles).—Arr: March 12, Kakapo, s, at 2.20 a.m., from Newcastle; Wareatea, s, at 4.55 a.m., from Melbourne.
DEVONPORT (498 miles).—Dep: March 11, Kawatiri, s, at 8.20 p.m., for Melbourne.
ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Arr: March 13, Coolgardie, s, from the Eastern States. Dep: March 13, Perth, s, for the Eastern States.
ALBANY (2100 miles).—Arr: March 13, Suevic, s, from Sydney, via Hobart. Dep: March 13, Bombala, s, for Sydney, via ports. Passed: March 13, Cooeyanna, s, bound east.
FREMANTLE (2460 miles).—Arr: March 12, Kanowna, s, at 1 a.m., from Eastern States; March 13, Sydney, s, at 12.30 a.m.; Oceana, R.M.S., at 11.55 a.m., from Eastern States. Dep: March 13, Mildura, s, at 7.10 a.m., for Eastern States; Oceana, R.M.S., at 5.15 p.m., for London.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

HOKIANGA.—Dep: March 13, Aldebaran, bq, for Sydney.
WELLINGTON (1239 miles).—Dep: March 13, Herald, s, for Newcastle.
BLUFF (1107 miles).—Dep: March 13, Monowai, s, for Hobart.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Monday.

Average rainfall for 46 years, 49.334.
Average for 46 years from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 8.536.
Total from Jan. 1 to March 13, 8.804.
Temperatures: Maximum, 72.4; minimum, 64.5; at 9 p.m., 65.5.
Humidity: At 9 a.m., 73; at 3 p.m., 53.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.92; Perth, 30.15; Eucla, 29.99; Streaky Bay, 30.15; Adelaide, 30.21; Robe, 30.23; Portland, 30.26; Melbourne, 30.26; Wilson's Promontory, 30.31; Gabo Island, 30.22; Cape St. George, 30.19; Sydney, 30.23; Newcastle, 30.23; Port Macquarie, 30.24; Clarence Heads, 30.14; Brisbane, 30.13; Rockhampton, 30.12; Mackay, 30.03; Cooktown, 29.90.

RAINFALL.

New South Wales (for 48 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Barraba 8 points, Blackheath 4, Byron 5, Camden Haven 56, Casino 24, Clarence 95, Kurrajong 11, Lismore 80, Manning Heads 5, Murrurundi 65, Newcastle 23, Nundle 33, Port Macquarie 23, Raymond Terrace 37, Springwood 6, Sydney 3, Tabulam 7, Tamworth 55, Taree 9, Tenterfield 18, Ulladulla 12.
Additional rainfall reported at 6 p.m.: Port Macquarie 4 points, Inverell 33.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 48 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Unsettled to showery conditions prevailed over eastern districts, and thundery in north-eastern, fine weather ruled inland, and southerly winds and cool temperatures generally.
Tasmania.—Fine and clear generally.
South Australia.—Calms and fine and clear weather generally.
Queensland.—Scattered clouds along the coast, otherwise fine and clear.
Northern Territory.—Fine, clear, and warm throughout.
Victoria.—Principally fine and clear, cloudy, with some mists on the coast.
Western Australia.—Fine and clear to fine but cloudy generally.

THE RIVERS INLAND.

The heights of rivers above summer level at 9 a.m. Monday were:—Albury, 1in b.s.l.; Balranald, b.s.l.; Bingara, low; Boggabilla, 2in; Bourke, 6ft 3in above weir, low below; Brewarrina, 3ft 5in; Condobolin, low; Cowra, 1ft 2in; Dubbo, 1ft 6in; Euston, 3ft 1in; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, b.s.l.; Gunnedah, low; Hay, 1ft 1in, b.s.l.; Louth, 2ft; Menindie, 2ft 5in; Mogil Mogil, low; Mungundi, 1ft 9in, f; Moama, 5ft 1in; Moulamein, 3in; Narrandera, 6ft 8in; Pooncarie, 3ft 2in; Tilpa, 2in, f; Tocumwal, 2in b.s.l.; Wagga Wagga, 1ft; Wentworth, b.s.l.; Wilcannia, 2ft 5in, f; Yetman, low; Barwon River at Walgett, 4ft 1in, stationary; Namoi River at Walgett, 4ft 1in, stationary.
Note.—R, rising; f, falling; b.s.l., below summer level.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, SSE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Byron Bay, calm, cloudy, sea moderate; Ballina, SE, cloudy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, NE, fresh, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, S, light, cloudy, sea rough; Manning Heads, S, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, SE, light, cloudy, sea slight; Port Stephens, ESE, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Newcastle, SE, moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, S, light, dull, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, S, light, dull, sea smooth; South Head, Barranjoey, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Wollongong, S, light, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, SE, light, cloudy, sea slight; Eden, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, SE, light, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, SE, light, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy, thundery, and showery in the NE, otherwise generally fine, with rising temperatures; winds veering to E and NE.—H. A. Hunt.
Victoria.—Fine, warmer; light variable winds between SE and NE; sea slight.—P. Baracchi.
South Australia.—Fine and warmer, with east to north winds and sea breezes. A coastal change approaching.—C. Todd.
Western Australia.—Mostly fine, moderate weather, but there will probably be a few showers, principally on the coast, with moderate sea.—W. E. Cooke.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MARCH 14.

Sun rises at 5.53, sets at 6.17; moon rises at 12.48 p.m., sets at 11.7 p.m.
Mercury, 6.10 a.m., 6.36 p.m.; Venus, 9.25 a.m., 7.55 p.m.; Mars, 9.3 p.m., 10.46 a.m.; Jupiter, 5.48 a.m., 5.2 p.m.; Saturn, 3.49 a.m., 4.11 p.m.
Full moon, March 21; new moon, April 5.
High water at Fort Denison, 1.35 a.m., 2.2 p.m.

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LAW REPORT.

MONDAY, MARCH 13.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

THE "SYDNEY THOUSAND."
CLAIM TO THE FIRST PRIZE.
A QUESTION OF COLLUSION.

Corbett v O'Brien.

Mr. James and Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Messrs. Theo. Powell and Atkinson, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Holman and Mr. E. Hall, instructed by Messrs. Sullivan Brothers, for the defendant. This was an interpleader action, in which Laurence Corbett sued Alfred E. O'Brien to recover the sum of £750, being the first prize of the "Sydney Thousand" Bicycle Race, which was competed for at the Sydney Cricket Ground in March of last year.

Mr James, in explaining the plaintiff's case to the jury, said that both parties were cyclists, and in the event in question Corbett finished first and O'Brien second, but upon the conclusion of the race, the latter lodged a protest against Plunkett, who was third, on the ground of interference. The stewards afterwards held an inquiry into O'Brien's complaint, and dismissed it. A further inquiry was afterwards held by the council of the League, which plaintiff contended was not fairly conducted, and the result was that he was disqualified for two years, on the ground of collusion, and the prize was awarded to O'Brien. Corbett then commenced legal proceedings against the Summer Nights' Amusements, Limited, the promoters of the meeting, to recover the first prize, but the company having no wish to be concerned in litigation over the matter, applied to Mr. Justice ... in Chambers, and his Honor ordered an interpleader action to be tried. As far as plaintiff knew the only protest was that already mentioned. He (Mr. James) admitted that if the rules had been complied with in regard to the appeal by O'Brien, then the finding of the stewards to the council and the decision of the latter would be final, and the Court would have no right to proceed in the matter. There was an appeal to the council of the League, but the plaintiff said that there was no specific appeal on the ground of collusion, nor was he notified that a protest against him was to be heard until he was summoned as a witness to give evidence, in what he thought was an inquiry in regard to the protest against Plunkett. If, however, the League council disqualified plaintiff on the ground of collusion with another rider, and the decision was correctly arrived at under the rules, it was final, and plaintiff would have to abide by it. His case, however, was that at the League council inquiry, though collusion was alleged, he was called merely as a witness, and was not informed that he was on his trial, or allowed to address the council in his defence. According to rules 189 and 204, a certain mode of procedure had to be adopted in regard to appeal to the council, and this was not observed, plaintiff not being called before the stewards or notified of any charge against him before the council.

Mr. Holman said that rules 20, 21, and 36 gave the council more extended powers than those mentioned in rules 189 and 204; and under 36 the council had authority, apart from any appeal whatever, to fine, suspend, or disqualify any rider for collusion, or any other infringement of the rules. In the course of the inquiry, which lasted several days, the council came to the conclusion that plaintiff had been guilty of collusion in the race, and he was disqualified. He also pointed out that rules 20, 21, and 36 were quite independent of any appeal or any preliminary procedure by the stewards, and as far as plaintiff was concerned, the inquiry was properly conducted.

Among the witnesses examined besides plaintiff were Floyd MacFarland, professional cyclist, who said that he made no arrangement with Corbett or anyone in his behalf to run the race unfairly, and as a matter of fact the time of the race very nearly equalled the world's record. As far as he knew, the race was run fairly.

George Bearpark, cyclist trainer, gave evidence as to a discussion which took place at the Adelaide Hotel in reference to an arrangement between the front-mark men as to pacing each other, and a division of the prize money in the event of one winning. O'Brien made the suggestion, but wanted a little more money than the others were disposed to give. Each man was to do his share of the pacing.

The Chief Justice: And it did not matter who won as long as the back-mark men were beaten?

Witness: Yes. On the night of the final O'Brien suggested an arrangement which would assist him in winning as against Corbett, but nothing was done, as he wanted too much.

In cross-examination, witness stated that he did not know that O'Brien started in the race having an arrangement with anybody, and as far as he knew he ran independently.

Harry Gordon, professional cyclist, also gave evidence as to the meeting at the Adelaide Hotel, where six or seven cyclists tried to come to an arrangement in regard to a division of the prize in the event of one of the front division winning. Every one of the front men was to try to win.

The Chief Justice: And those who did not win wanted to get a share of the winnings?

Witness: Yes; each man was to do his share of the pacing. O'Brien wanted £200, and the men present went out after that. (Laughter.) They thought it was too much for O'Brien to ask. In the dressing-room, about three-quarters of an hour before the race, O'Brien asked witness to help him to win the race and get Plunkett to "slow" Corbett up. Witness, however, would not go in with him. He did not think O'Brien had any chance of winning, and he told him so. At the Adelaide Hotel Corbett made no proposal for "pacing" with others, but witness had an arrangement with Corbett by which, if he (witness) won, he was to pay Corbett £75 or £85, and if Corbett won witness was to receive from him a similar amount.

The Chief Justice: And in point of fact, if neither succeeds in this action you will get the £75 or £85?

Witness: Yes.

The Chief Justice: Had you an arrangement with any others?

Witness: Yes, with Plunkett, Battie, and ...

By Mr. Holman: When the race was run O'Brien, as far as he knew, had made no arrangement for saving with anyone, and rode independently.

Bernard Kett, mechanical dentist and a cyclist, also gave evidence as to what took place at the Adelaide Hotel. There were ... present, including O'Brien, and an attempt was made to arrive at an arrangement to help one another in the race, but no decision was arrived at. O'Brien said he was unable to cut up the prize money, one to ... Witness did not catch up to the men in ... of him, though he was riding his best. ... came in last.

At 4 o'clock the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen without a jury.)

ACTION FOR ROYALTY ON COAL.
£27,679 CLAIMED.

The Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, v Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Want, K.C., Mr. Knox, and Mr. Ferguson, instructed by Mr. F. A. Davenport, appeared for the plaintiff company; and Mr. Pilcher, K.C., Mr. C. B. Stephen, and Mr. [illegible], instructed by Mr. John S. Cargill (solicitor to the Commissioners), for the defendants. This was an action brought by the Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, against the Railway Commissioners, to recover the sum of £27,679 15s 6d, being the amount of royalty on coal, which they claimed to be entitled to on coal underneath certain land at Teralba resumed by the defendants for railway purposes.

Defendants pleaded that they had caused a valuation to be made on the plaintiff's interest, and had offered £503, which the plaintiffs refused to accept.

The case occupied a considerable portion of the December sittings; and the evidence tendered on behalf of the defendants was not concluded when the Court adjourned for the Christmas vacation. Further evidence was ... called on behalf of the defendants.

The case still stands part heard.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four.)

CLAIM ON AN INDEMNITY.

Garrett v Hasler.

Mr. Gannon and Mr. Pickburn, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, Mr. Tillett, appeared for the plaintiff, Thomas William Garrett, Curator in Intestate Estates; and Mr. Edmunds and Mr. Carlos, instructed by Mr. T. J. Purcell, for the defendant, Mary Hasler, widow, late licensee of the Lord Nelson Hotel, Miller's Point. The action was brought for that by a deed dated March 12, 1904, defendant agreed that in consideration of plaintiff proceeding as Curator in an Equity suit she would indemnify him against all the expenses. The taxed costs and other expenses plaintiff had to pay amounted to £442 5s, and the sum was now claimed by him. The Equity suit was in connection with the intestate estate of the late Catherine Connair, and the proceedings were brought on behalf of Mrs. Luscerio, a sister of deceased against John Joseph O'Brien. Defendant pleaded that she thought that by the agreement which was made with W. H. Atkinson, plaintiff's solicitor, in the Equity suit plaintiff promised that the costs incurred would not exceed £25, and that amount was paid into court. On March 9, 1904, Mrs. Luscerio got a letter from Atkinson stating that the Curator had asked if she had arranged for £25 to cover his costs. In response Mrs Luscerio and defendant went to Atkinson's office and an agreement was drawn up in general terms, and signed by defendant. In evidence, defendant said she signed the agreement thinking the costs would not be more than £25. Atkinson gave evidence and said he was careful to explain defendant's liability in signing the document, and as she was a stranger to him he advised her to take the agreement and get independent advice. He also told defendant that the Curator wanted a full indemnity, and in signing the document she was taking upon herself an unlimited liability. Defendant said she was prepared to do anything to assist her shipmate. On leaving the office Mrs. Luscerio asked if the costs would be more than £25. Atkinson said the costs out of pocket did not amount to more than £25 to date, but the costs might run into hundreds of pounds. Defendant said, "That's all right." This evidence was corroborated by Atkinson's managing clerk.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for £417 5s. An order was made for speedy execution.

DISHONOURED CHEQUES.

Miles v Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited.

Dr. Sly, K.C., and Mr. Rolin, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, appeared for the plaintiff, Henry Albert Miles, storekeeper, of Bellinger Heads; Mr. Shand and Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden, for defendant, the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited. The action was brought to recover damages for dishonouring two cheques for £2 and £2 5s, which were drawn by plaintiff on a trust account to pay wages, and for libel, one of the cheques being endorsed, "Drawer's estate sequestrated." The trust account, which was £30 in credit (plaintiff stated) at the time, was in the Bellinger branch of the defendant bank, and plaintiff had not been bankrupt. Plaintiff complained he had been damaged in his business, which had to be closed, and he lost a timber agency through the defendant's action. The company paid £100 into Court. The case is part heard.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge.)

AN INJUNCTION MATTER.

McAndrew v Kelly.

Mr. G. E. Rich, instructed by Messrs. Villeneuve Smith and Dawes (agents for Mr. Peter Street, of Murwillumbah), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Leverrier, instructed by Messrs. Robson and Cowlishaw (agents for Mr. G. C. Halliday, of Murwillumbah), for defendant. The case was in connection with a dairy farm of 300 acres, of which 45 acres were cleared. There was an agreement between the present plaintiff and the defendant to work the farm on a share system, stock and implements to be supplied by the defendant. It was alleged that the farm was not being worked to the best advantage, and a suit was instituted to eject the holders. In the Supreme Court the present defendant, J. F. Kelly, obtained a judgment on an ejectment writ. On December 13 the present plaintiffs, J. McAndrew and sons, obtained an injunction restraining proceedings by Kelly on that judgment. It was granted, and the present application was to continue the injunction. Argument was concluded.

His Honor reserved judgment, the injunction to be continued meanwhile.

TROY v COONEY.

Mr. M. Betts, instructed by Mr. Flynn, appeared for plaintiffs; Mr. Newton for the defendant, Owen Cooney; and Mr. Maughan, instructed by Mr. Croaker, for the infant defendant, William Troy. This was a suit instituted under the trusts of the will of Thomas O'Brien, deceased. The application before the Court was for the approval of a proposed compromise in the suit. His Honor ordered the matter to stand over for further evidence.

ROFE v ROFE.

Mr. Lingen, instructed by Messrs. Dean and Dean, appeared for defendant; and Mr. Knox, instructed by Mr. A. B. Davies, for plaintiffs. This is a suit between John Sutton Rofe and Thomas Edward Rofe, plaintiffs, and Arthur Camden Rofe, defendant, and the application before the Court was on behalf of the defendant, who moved that it be referred to the Master in Equity to settle the form of a conveyance of the properties allotted to defendant, and that plaintiffs should execute the same, such conveyance to contain (a) A power of attorney to sue upon the mortgages assigned to him in the name of all the executors. (b) The usual covenants for title by plaintiffs as beneficial owners. (c) An assignment of the caveat lodged by the testator dated May 13, 1901, against the application by the trustees of Walker's estate in respect of the property of Baumann's Cafe, and all benefits under such caveat, defendant undertaking to indemnify plaintiffs against any liabilities under such caveat, and to apply to be substituted as sole party of any issue, if asked for. (d) An assignment to defendant of the damages to and from the breach of the covenant to repair in the lease of Baumann's Cafe. (2) That plaintiffs be ordered to execute or transfer to defendant the lands on the real property register allotted to him. (3) That the expenses of the sale of such portions of lot 100 as were sold by the testator or by the executors before the decree be deducted from the purchase moneys received in respect of the same, and that one-third of the net balance be paid or allowed by each of plaintiffs to defendant, and that the contracts of the said sale be assigned by plaintiffs to defendant. (4) That compensation in some other form should be allowed defendant for the portions of lot 100 so sold before the decree. (5) That plaintiffs be ordered to pay the costs of this motion.

The case stands part heard.

A NEWCASTLE CASE.
IS GLENROCK LAGOON AN ESTUARY?
AN OLD GRANT.

Attorney-General v Merewether.

Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. Bethune, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for plaintiff; Mr. Lingen and Mr. W. D. Merewether, instructed by Mr. W. M. Barker, for the defendants; and Mr. S. E. Lamb, instructed by Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., for the Scottish Australian Mining and Investment Company, Limited.

This was a suit instituted by the Attorney-General against Augusta Maria Merewether, Edward Allworth Mitchell Merewether, William Mandeville Barker, and the Scottish Australian Mining Company. The statement of claim set forth that by two several deeds of grant, bearing date February 29, 1840, issued under the seal of the colony of New South Wales, and under the hand of Sir George Gipps, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony, her then Majesty granted unto Robert Dawson and his heirs all those two pieces or parcels of land, each containing 50 acres or thereabouts, being portions 25 and 26, parish of Kahibah, county of Northumberland, in the said State. Each of the said grants reserved to the Crown all such parts of the said land as might be within 100ft of highwater mark on the sea coast, and on every creek, harbour, and inlet. The said reservations comprised an area of 7 acres 1 rood or thereabouts, fronting Glenrock Lagoon, which is a creek, harbour, or inlet, as aforesaid, and 2 acres 2 roods 26 perches, or thereabouts, fronting the sea coast. The defendants claim, as successors in title to Robert Dawson, under the grants, to be entitled to the 7 acres 1 rood on the ground that that area was not excepted from the grants. The informant charged that neither of the above-mentioned grants operated to divest the Crown of any of the said area, and that the whole of it was still unalienated from the Crown. On February 23, 1900, the Crown Lands bailiff publicly took possession on behalf of the Crown of the said land. The defendant company is the holder of a lease of certain surface and other rights over a portion of the land, granted on or about January 1, 1885, by the late Edward Christopher Merewether, deceased, to Thomas Cowlishaw, and Mahlon Clarke Cowlishaw. The informant, therefore prayed that the title of the Crown to the said areas of 7 acres 1 rood and 2 acres 2 roods 26 perches may be declared and established.

In reply the defendants, in their statement of defence, said they did not nor had they ever claimed any portion of portion 26 within 100ft of high water mark on the sea coast, nor did they now. They did claim the 7 acres 1 rood fronting Glenrock Lagoon down to the boundary, 100ft from high water mark. They said that Glenrock Lagoon was not at the date of the grant, nor had it ever been since, nor was it now, a creek, harbour, or inlet within the meaning of such grant, and that consequently the reservation of the 100ft from high water mark did not apply to the margin of the lagoon and did not comprise the area claimed. They claimed that Glenrock Lagoon was identical in situation with the small lake mentioned in the grant. At the time of the grant, and up till now, the surface of the lake was, and is, considerably higher than the high-water mark on the beach, and the communication between the lake and the sea was generally closed by sand, and was only occasionally opened to allow of the escape of the accumulated water. Such channel of communication had to be artificially opened from time to time, and this was often necessary, although the works of the defendants and their predecessor in title, by narrowing the lagoon at its eastern extremity, had increased the scour of the inland waters, and, consequently, the surface waters occasionally escaped after heavy rains by cutting a temporary channel to the sea. Not only the surface of the lake, but so far as is known, and certainly for a great distance back from the sea, the bottom of the lake had been higher than the high-water mark of the sea beach, so that even if such channel of communication were permanently open, the tides would not pass up to it. The tidal waters had not passed into the lagoon since the date of the grant, and consequently there had not and could not have been any high-water mark on the shores of the lagoon. The water of the lake was brackish, but this arose from the nature of the springs which supplied it, and from the loss of water by evaporation, and not from the waters of the sea, although occasionally in very heavy storms waves might have dashed over the beach into the lagoon. There were other grounds of defence, and the defendants claimed that the information ought to be dismissed on the grounds of equity and justice.

Evidence was entered upon.

The case was not concluded.

IN PROBATE.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

Probate was granted in the wills of David Coventry, Henry Marshall, Edith Maria Crowe, Thomas Barling, George Blunt, Ann Elliott, Martha Petrie.

Letters of administration were granted in the estates of Bridget Cecilia Butler, John Dillon, James Pollock, Mary Elizabeth Murray, Matilda Callaghan, Samuel Williams, Margaret Ada Dee, James Thomson, Emma Taylor.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.
RESERVED JUDGMENT.

Re John Edward O'Keefe.

The Registrar delivered his reserved judgment on the application of John Edward O'Keefe for a certificate. Mr. Norrie appeared for the bankrupt, and Mr. Rolin for an objecting creditor. The Registrar said the estate was sequestrated on December 11, 1903, on the petition of the Bank of New South Wales. There were unsecured liabilities of £642 15s 6d, and the amount realised by the official assignee was £23 19s 10d. Bankrupt was a Grafton hotel-keeper, and had started business on September 29, 1902, being then nearly £200 in debt to the bank. He also owed his father over £200. The bank asked for but could not get satisfaction. On July 20, 1903, a writ for £199 16s 10d was served on bankrupt, and on August 4 a settlement of the furniture in the hotel was made upon bankrupt's wife. This furniture was sold by the wife for £800. Bankrupt failed to keep proper books, and continued to trade, knowing himself to be insolvent. He contracted debts without a reasonable prospect of being able to pay them, and put his creditors to expense by a frivolous defence and action. He had also given undue preference. The bankrupt and his father were the only ones to come out of the business comfortably, the creditors losing all. The objecting creditor was, besides, put to the expense of £136 through the bankrupt's conduct in defending the action of the Bank of New South Wales, and £20 cost of making him bankrupt. The bankrupt came out of it with the satisfaction of being quit of all his debts, and knowing that £800 was snug in his wife's pocket, while he had given his father preference by paying £100 into his overdrawn account at the Australian Joint Stock Bank, after the objecting creditor had obtained judgment against him. The certificate would be suspended for five years, and the condition imposed that bankrupt should pay the petitioner's costs, and the costs of the objecting creditors, out of his future earnings or income. If, however, the bankrupt or any person on his behalf paid to the official assignee sufficient to pay the creditors in full, an application to vary the order would be considered.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

In re William Robert Crittenden. Mr. Reynolds appeared for the bankrupt, and after examination of bankrupt the hearing was adjourned to April 3.

In re Ernest W. Sharpe. Adjourned to April 3.

In re John Edward Tindall. Adjourned to April 3.

In re Robert Gray. Adjourned to March 20.

CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

In re Harris Cohen (trading as Evers and Cohen) v J. J. Harris. Mr. Lyons asked for an order for sequestration on account of non-compliance with a motion served on January 23. The order was made. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

EXAMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 30.

In re Julia Ann Buttel and Edwin Baker. Evidence was given and witnesses were examined by Mr. Hemsley (Allen, Allen, and Hemsley) for the official assignee. The hearing was adjourned till 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

UNDER SECTION 61.

In re Herbert Alexander Macpherson. Adjourned to March 27.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

John Brett, of Molong, labourer. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

Sydney McDonald Elliott, of Hornsby, carpenter. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Robert Winch, of Nobbs-street, South Granville, slaughterman. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

MOTION FOR RELEASE.

In re George Dalton Lane. Adjourned by consent to March 22.

SINGLE MEETING AND PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

In re John Milne Curran, Samuel Markwell Ling, and Jeremiah B. Gunning, adjournments to March 20 were ordered.

Other cases listed were adjourned to March 20.

The Court adjourned to the following day.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen and the Members, Messrs. S. Smith and J. P. Wright.)

RESERVED DECISIONS.

In the matter of the Amalgamated Railway and Tramway Service Association v E. S. Reardon his Honor delivered a reserved judgment. Mr. J. H. Stephenson was agent for the respondent; and Mr. J. H. Catts, secretary of the union, appeared for the association.

His Honor said that this summons had been taken out for the purpose of enforcing payment of 17s 6d, alleged to be due by the respondent to the claimant union, as the balance of entrance fee and monthly subscriptions running from December 12, 1901, to November, 1904. At the time respondent joined the association it was not an industrial union. It was registered as an industrial union in February, 1902, and under the rules of the association subscriptions were payable monthly in advance, so that at the time of registration in February, 1902, there were two months' subscriptions payable by the respondent to the union. The respondent denied his liability for the amount claimed, and stated that prior to the registration he had tendered his resignation to the then secretary, and having done that he claimed that his liability ceased. Under the rules of the association there appeared to be nothing to modify the right of a member to resign, and unless power was given to modify that right nothing could stop the effect of that resignation if once it was tendered by a member. Under the rules of the association, when it was brought under the Arbitration Act, it was provided that no member could resign unless he gave three months' notice in writing and paid up all arrears due. He (his Honor) had to satisfy himself that the respondent had tendered his resignation to the secretary of the union prior to registration, as he had said, and unless he was satisfied on that point he must hold that the claimant did not tender his resignation. The question of fact had to be determined against respondent. Without impugning the bona-fides of the testimony on each side, he was not satisfied that the resignation had been sent in, or that the respondent had got rid of the onus resting upon him to prove that he had done so. He had therefore to find against the respondent. It had been argued during the progress of the case that he had no jurisdiction to enforce payment of subscriptions to the association prior to its being formed into a union. Owing to the small amount involved, and the fact that he had not had time to look exhaustively into the point raised, he would not decide it. He found for claimant, and ordered the respondent to pay 16s 6d with 5s costs of summons, and 30s witnesses' expenses. Two months' time was granted in which to pay.

UNITED LABOURERS v J. M'DONALD.

In the matter of a summons instituted by the United Labourers' Protective Society v John M'Donald, the President said he had allowed an adjournment in order to decide whether there had been service of the summons under the rules. The summons was sent out by the Arbitration office, but it was returned endorsed "refused." He held that there had been no service to justify him in making an order. Under the new rules service might be effected by tendering process to the person concerned, so that if tendered and refused, it was still service. He would make no order, but allow the summons to be extended until June 1, and be served under the new rules.

TAILORESSES' UNION v N. JACOBS.

His Honor delivered the Court's reserved decision in the two summonses issued by the Tailoresses' Union against Natran Jacobs for breaches of the terms of the award (vide log item 126), which provided for 4½d being paid for certain trousers work by the Sydney Clothing Manufacturers' Association. He said it had been stated that an agreement had been made by which the award was varied. If there were no agreement, then clearly there had been a breach of the award, but even if such an arrangement existed then in accordance with the decisions given last February in Turnbull's and Glover's cases, there had still been a breach. As in those cases, the Court found it a difficult point to decide, as there was an impression abroad that each employer had a right to qualify the award with the consent of the other side. In this way the award might be frittered away. The award must be adhered to. It was no use laying down a principle one day and departing from it the next. There had been a breach of the award in the cases of Spinks and Richards. A penalty of £5 was imposed in each case, with costs of summons 5s and witnesses' expenses 6s.

Mr. Jacobs asked how he stood in regard to other summonses.

His Honor said the Court had nothing to do with that question.

PAINTERS' UNION v WARD.

The Painters' Union proceeded against William Ward, of 139 Forbes-street, for an alleged breach of an award of the Court in employing on July 15 six men working under the rate of 1s 2d per hour, and only four men at that rate. Mr. W. Roe, secretary of the union, appeared for the claimant union. There was no appearance for respondent. After hearing evidence the Court found in favour of the claimant union, and a penalty of £3, with summons costs 5s, to be paid on or before April 13 to the secretary of the union, was imposed upon respondent.

PAINTERS' UNION v LYON, COTTIER, AND CO.

The Painters' Union proceeded against Lyon, Cottier, and Co., of Sydney, for an alleged refusal to allow the secretary of the union to inspect the firm's time-book. Mr. W. Roe (secretary) appeared for the claimant union, and Mr. C. White, instructed by Mr. Milford, of Messrs. Lambton, Milford, and Abbott, for the respondents. Mr. White took the points that the firm had not been correctly designated, and that the secretary accompanied by another person had asked that they should be allowed to inspect the time-book, while the rules provided that the secretary only should have that right. The case was dismissed with costs £1 1s against the claimant.

BUTCHERS' SHOP EMPLOYEES v AGNEW.

Mr. Beeby appeared for the Butchers' Shop Employees' Union in the matter of a summons against James Agnew, jun., for an alleged breach of an award of the Court in respect of the keeping of time-books. Mr. Perkins appeared for the respondent. After argument the hearing was adjourned to next Monday.

The Court adjourned till Wednesday.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Acting Justice Murray and Juries.)

Mr. H. M. Hamilton prosecuted for the Crown.

"A DESPERATE GAME."
ATTEMPT AT MURDER.
SENTENCE OF DEATH RECORDED.

A young man named Percival John Gardiner pleaded not guilty to a charge of having at Sydney on December 29 last feloniously wounded Emma Forbes Black, with intent to murder her. Accused was defended by Mr. Carter Smith.

In opening the case Mr. Hamilton said that Black was employed as a domestic by a Mrs. Nolan, at 9 Terminus-street, Redfern. She had known accused, who had been paying his addresses to her, some five or six months. He seemed to have become jealous of her, and on one occasion threatened to blow her brains out. She informed her mistress, who saw accused and took a revolver from him. Later on the girl got the revolver back, and handed it to Gardiner. About 8 p.m. on December 29 the girl went out of the house and saw accused in Regent-street. He asked her if she was "going to make it up," and she answered in the negative. He said "good-bye," and she went home. About an hour later she again went out, and saw accused in the vicinity. She turned down a corner into Regent-street to avoid him, but he followed, caught hold of her by the arm, and said: "You went to see 'A Desperate Game,' well, I will play it." He took a revolver out of his pocket and fired at her, one bullet striking her in the face under the eye. She fell senseless. Three shots were fired, and then accused turned the revolver against himself and fired, the bullet penetrating the right side of his forehead. Both were taken to the hospital. On the way accused asked, "Is she dead? I shot her because I loved her. She was carrying on with another man." It was for the jury to say, concluded Mr. Hamilton, whether the act was done with intent to murder.

Emma Forbes Black gave evidence corroborating the above statement. Cross-examined by Mr. Smith, witness admitted intimacy with accused, but denied that she had been living with him for three months at Terminus-street. Mrs. Nolan had been charged with keeping a disorderly house at 9 Terminus-street.

Dr. Newman said he treated Black and accused at the Sydney Hospital. Black had a punctured wound under the left eye. There was no wound of exit. The girl had also a punctured wound on the left arm, the bullet passing out on the other side. To Mr. Smith: He did not know if the bullet was extracted from the girl's head, as she passed out of his care.

Was the wound in the face one likely to cause death?—That depends. It is a dangerous place.

A police officer stated that when accused was arrested he was excited, and under the influence of liquor.

Accused made a statement from the dock, in which he recounted how he came to know the girl, and then referred to his relations with her, extending over several months. She invited him to the house, and after that he stayed over-night two or three times weekly, the two occupying the same room. Then she told him that she didn't want him any longer, and they quarrelled. The night before the occurrence he was to have met her at Regent street, but he found out after that she had gone to the theatre with Mrs. Nolan's daughter and a young man, an undertaker. Next day he arranged to go to Katoomba for work, and put his brother's revolver in his pocket. He met Emma Black in the street, and said, "Good-bye, I am going to Narrabri." "I left her," concluded accused, "and went to Smith's Hotel. That is all I remember."

Dr. R. T. Paton, Government Medical Officer, said that accused was suffering from a certain complaint. The bullet, to his knowledge, had not been extracted from accused's head.

Mr. Smith: It is not uncommon when a man is suffering from an injury to the head for him to forget what took place a few minutes before the occurrence.—Yes; but I never questioned accused on that.

Mr. Hamilton: Have you any reason to suggest that this man is suffering from loss of memory?

Mr. Smith: I didn't ask that.

Mr. Hamilton: Then your question is not relevant.

At this stage Mr. Smith said he would put accused in the box. Sworn, accused said that the statement he made was true. He was drinking on December 29. He did not remember being taken to the hospital. The first thing he recollected was seeing a policeman at his side next morning.

Mr. Smith: Had you ever any intention of murdering this girl?

Mr. Hamilton: That is a question for the jury.

His Honor allowed the question, which was answered by accused in the negative.

In his summing up his Honor said that this was a case reeking with immorality, and typical of the dregs of life to be found in Sydney. The history was one of degradation on both sides. If the jury thought that accused when he fired the shots knew what he was about, and knowing what he was about he must have contemplated murder, then they must convict. If they found that he was so far influenced by drink—and he took that to be the defence—that at the time he was incapable of forming any intent, then they must give him the benefit of the doubt, and acquit.

The jury retired at 3 p.m., and after 40 minutes' retirement, the jury returned with a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy on account of prisoner's youth.

Mr. Smith: Have you no other reason, gentlemen?

The Foreman: No.

Mr. Smith: I ask that sentence of death be recorded, and not passed.

His Honor: Under the circumstances, and as the Crown Prosecutor consents, I shall adopt that course.

Mr. Smith: As the question of sentence will now be left to the Executive, after consulting your Honor, I would ask that evidence as to character might be heard later in the week.

His Honor agreed to hear such evidence. Prisoner was removed.

ACQUITTAL.
A PECULIAR DEVELOPMENT.

Charles Coventry, a young man, butcher's assistant, pleaded not guilty to a charge that he did, at Bondi, on February 1, assault a single woman, aged 22, with intent to commit a rape. He was further charged with indecent assault. Mr. E. R. Abigail defended accused. A number of jurors were challenged.

Mr. Hamilton said that the young woman, who was engaged to be married, was employed as a domestic in Penkivil-street, Bondi, and accused, on the afternoon of February 1, called with some meat, and after putting it on the kitchen table, he caught hold of her and attempted to kiss the girl. There was a struggle, and she struck him with a smoothing iron from the stove. She afterwards informed her mistress, and subsequently signed the charge sheet at the police station.

Transactions took place later on, said Mr. Hamilton, upon which different constructions might be placed. The young woman was very reluctant to have her name mixed up in court proceedings, and she was induced, he did not say wrongly, to see the accused's solicitor. The solicitor said the youth's conduct was insulting, and he would have to apologise. A letter expressing deep regret was sent by the accused to her, and she then wrote to the police, stating that she had satisfied herself that accused did not intend to commit the offence with which he was charged, and that she did not intend to give evidence against him. The jury would perceive, however, that she was not at liberty to settle the matter in that way. The offence was not only against herself, but against the public at large, and therefore the police could not consent to the arrangement she proposed. The S.M. insisted upon evidence being entered into at the Paddington Police Court. He (Mr. Hamilton) would ask that, in spite of what the girl had said, the jury should satisfy themselves as to whether accused had any intent. The matter should not be treated with levity.

The prosecutrix, who was told that she must give evidence against her wish, repeated the evidence she gave at the lower court. Cross-examined by Mr. Abigail, she said she had written to the Attorney-General, stating that the matter was placed in the hands of the police by her mistress before she had time to consider it. "Knowing that you have got influence," she wrote, "if you could get the case stopped I would be very grateful."

Several witnesses were called, and before the Crown case had close the jury intimated that they were unanimous in finding the accused not guilty. Coventry was discharged.

The Court adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries.)

Mr. Herbert Harris was Crown Prosecutor.

COMMON ASSAULT.

Isabella Seagrave was arraigned on a charge of having, at Canterbury, on January 26, shot at Mary Ann Smith with intent to do her grievous bodily harm. There was a second count of assault. Accused, who was defended by Mr. J. W. Abigail, pleaded guilty to common assault, and this plea was accepted by the Crown. The woman was bound over in £50 to be of good behaviour for three years, and to appear for sentence within that time if called upon. It appears that she fired two "wild" shots with a revolver at a hut in which was the prosecutrix. The distance was about 50 yards.

BUTTER THAT DISAPPEARED.

James Lennon and Richard Bennett (alias "Dick Whittington") pleaded not guilty to having, on December 1, at Redfern, stolen a box containing 56lb of butter from a lorry, the goods being the property of Foley Brothers, Limited. Patrick Fitzgerald stated that he had occasion to leave the lorry for several minutes, and found on his return that the box of butter had disappeared. Accused were both convicted and remanded for sentence.

GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM.

John Whitehall pleaded not guilty to a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm upon Patrick Walsh outside the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, on June 23, 1900. Accused had been committed to stand his trial at the Central Criminal Court sittings on September 24, 1900, but did not answer to his bail. Walsh, who was an old man suffering from paralysis, was now dead, and the arresting constable had gone to South Africa. Whitehall was re-arrested a month ago. Sufficient evidence was forthcoming for the jury to convict the accused, who was remanded for sentence.

The Court adjourned at noon.

LAW NOTICES.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14.

SUPREME COURT.

Cause List.—Banco Court, St. James'-road.—At 10 a.m.: Corbett v O'Brien (part heard). At 12 noon: Bennett v Bennett, Wakefield v Wood, Manning v W. and A. M'Arthur, Ltd.

Notice.—The jurors in attendance at Banco Court except those engaged in the part heard case need not attend until 12 noon. The jurors engaged in the part heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m.

No. 1 Jury Court, King-street.—Perpetual Trustee Company, Ltd., v Railway Commissioners (part heard).

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m.: Miles v The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Ltd. (part heard). At 11 a.m.: Booth v Borough of Kempsey, Nathan v Larkin.

Notice.—The jurors in attendance at No. 2 Jury Court, except those engaged in the part heard case, need not attend until 11 a.m. The jurors engaged in the part heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: Bosanquet and others v Moffin and another, 10.30 a.m.; ex parte John Dunn (prohibition), 11 a.m.; Martin v Hunter, 11.30 a.m.; Tumeth v Rixon, 12 noon; Williams, ex., etc., v A.M.P. Society, 12.30 p.m.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Attorney-General v Merewether (part heard). Before the Master in Equity.—At 12 noon: M. Symonds, Ltd., and Companies Act, to settle draft certificate. At 2 p.m.: Fitzpatrick v Perpetual Trustee Company, to settle minutes of order. At 2.15 p.m.: Bull v Bull, to settle minutes of order. At 2.30 p.m.: Moore v Lean, to proceed on inquiry. Before the Deputy-Registrar in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Ex parte Moore and L.P. Act, to tax costs.

In Divorce.—Before Mr. Justice Walker.—At 10: Motions, etc., and hearing of causes.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Deputy-Registrar.—To pass accounts: Robert C. Close, 10.15; Henry Geary, 10.30; Mary Ball, 10.45; Margaret E. Taylor, 11; Laura Newell, 11.15; William Prescott, 11.30; Ernest R. Kidd, 2.30.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Motion under section 61, Henry Hayes; single meeting, William Richard Wilson; examinations under section 30, Edward Charles Close Campbell, Martin Isaacsohn, Phillip Morris Hart, application for extension of time for filing accounts and plans. At 2 p.m.: Examinations under section 30, Julia Ann Buttel and Edwin Baker, trading as J. A. Buttel.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION OFFICE.

St. James'-chambers, King-street, Sydney.—Before the Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: New South Wales Boot Operators and Rough Stuff Cutters' Union v Boot, Shoe, and Slipper Manufacturers' Association of New South Wales, to settle issues.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.—Barsby v Arnold and others, 10.30; Abigail ats. Harvey, 10.40.

Note.—The Court will not sit for the hearing of causes until Thursday next, the 16th instant, at 10 a.m.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Bridget Mahony, breaking and entering; Mary Young, stealing; Daniel Green and James Bellingham, assault and robbery.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

Frederick Spencer, demanding money with menaces.

POLICE COURTS.

A FATHER'S NEGLECT.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., Thomas William Johnston was charged at the instance of the Children's Protection Department, with having, at his residence, Prospect-street, Surry Hills, neglected to provide proper food, clothing, and lodging for his two daughters, Hilda, aged 9 years, and Bertha, aged 8 years, which neglect appeared likely to result in severe injury to the health of the children.

Alexander Howard, an officer under the Children's Protection Act, stated that he went to the residence of the defendant, Prospect-street, Surry Hills, on 6th instant, and there saw a room occupied by defendant and his two children. Witness left, and returned that afternoon with Dr. Gledden. The bed defendant showed witness as being one that was occupied by the children consisted of an old mattress, without stuffing of any kind, three or four rugs as blankets, and one blanket covering the whole. They were all in a filthy condition. Defendant at the time admitted to witness that he and the two children slept there. The smell of the room was almost unbearable. Witness said to defendant, "The eldest child (Hilda) looks delicate; why don't you give her nourishment?" He replied, "She is all right." Witness removed the children to a place of safety, and afterwards took these proceedings.

Dr. Gledden corroborated the evidence of the previous witness as to the state of the room, bedding, etc., and from a medical standpoint he believed living under such conditions would result in serious injury to the health of the children. The bodies of both children were fairly well nourished. He thought the children had sufficient food.

Mrs. Maud Lee, living near defendant's house, stated that defendant was a drunkard. The children were cousins of hers. Her grandmother and aunt provided food for both girls up to the 6th inst. Neighbours also gave them food. Defendant was an upholsterer, and earned £3 a week when he liked.

For the defence, evidence was given by the defendant that he never wilfully neglected the children. He gave them money to buy food, and he bought both food and clothing himself. In the case of the girl Hilda, defendant was convicted, and was fined £2, and costs £1 9s, in default imprisonment for 14 days, with hard labour; and in the case of the girl Bertha defendant was also fined £2, and costs £1 6s 6d, in default imprisonment for 14 days. It was ordered that both children should be handed over to the Children's Protection Department, defendant to pay 5s per week each for their support.

BATHING AT MAROUBRA BAY.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Thomas Bashford Kyle, aged 54, was charged with having bathed in a nude state within view of Maroubra Bay reserve, a place of public resort. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Senior-constable Jordan stated that there were a number of people about at the time, including women and children. Defendant said he was ignorant of the law. He had bathed there for 30 years. He saw no women about. He was fined £5, in default imprisonment for one month.

INQUESTS.

A FINDING OF SUICIDE.

At the inquiry yesterday into the case of John King, who was found on Friday night lying on the grass near the National Art Gallery with his throat cut, and who subsequently expired at the Sydney Hospital, whither he had been removed for treatment, a finding of suicide was recorded. King was 59 years of age. He had been out of employment for some time, and had been suffering from insomnia and despondency.

An inquest will be held to-day concerning the death of Walter Wm. Torfar, aged 3 months, who was found dead in bed by his parents at their residence, Munni-street, Newtown.

EFFECT OF PHOSPHORUS ON TEETH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I think it is a matter of some little surprise that no one has written to point out the dangers of mixing phosphorus from a dental standpoint. In England and on the Continent no one is allowed to mix phosphorus in match factories without having a certificate to the effect that his or her teeth have been examined by a dentist or medical man beforehand. The danger lies in the fact that the fumes of the phosphorus make their way to the jawbone through the medium of a decayed tooth or the socket of a recently extracted tooth. Once in, it means almost the loss of the whole jaw. I have seen one case where a considerable portion of the jaw was lost through this means, and have no doubt there are numbers of cases that are never reported, probably through wrong diagnosis. In England this disease, known to laymen as "fossy jaw," was at one time very common among persons working in match factories, but after legislation re periodical examination of the workers' mouths, the ravages have been decidedly checked, and many valuable lives saved. Hoping that this may be the means of some of our dental societies taking the matter in hand,

I am, etc.,

Moree, March 9. FREDK. C. [illegible]

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

St. Omer, Deutscher, and Gwydir have been scratched for the A.J.C. Sires' Produce Stakes and Champagne Stakes.

Inverell Picnic R.C. Meeting on April 5 and 6 has been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. have effected leases for racing purposes of the following untried three-year-olds:—Ch g, by Cobbitty from Vesta, to W Gibbs, Kogarah; and b f, by Cranbrook from Muta, to J. Monaghan.

The programme to be played out at Kensington on the 22nd inst appears in our business columns. Entries close with the secretary (Mr. A. Henningham) on Friday next.

The weights for the big events of the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting were no sooner issued yesterday than backers set about trying to pick the double, and a considerable volume of business in this form of speculation was reported. For the Doncaster Handicap Mack, Marvel Loch, Port Jackson, Medallist, and Cherson were coupled with Tartan, Canteen, Dividend, and Overdale, at prices ranging from 1000 to 4 to 1000 to 6. Lord Ullin's Daughter was also a favourite selection both ways. Beginning with her for the short race at 1000 to 8 she was bracketed with the four Cup candidates mentioned, and at the same price she was selected as the second leg of the double with the Doncaster favourites.

The New South Wales Trotting Club will cater for its patrons at Epping Racecourse to-day. The nominations, which total 51, include such well-known performers as Belmont M., Valour, Lady W., Juliette, St Kilda, Sunol, Stewart (the champion pony), Southerly Buster, and Rushlight, all of whom have excellent credentials, and some fine exhibitions of trotting may be anticipated. Both New Zealand and Tasmania claim representatives in Valour, Lenco, Sunol, Rushlight, and Dearest. The Balmain, Forest Lodge, and Drummoyne electric trams leave Circular Quay, via George-street, at three-minute intervals, and will run direct to the racecourse gates.

G. M. Hough, the well-known Sydney lightweight jockey, who has been for four months in Singapore under engagement, is returning to Sydney by the steamer Gracchus.

At the first day's racing in connection with the Bombay meeting last month several horses who were running here some time ago were successful. The Importers' Plate of 2000 rupees was won by Adelaide, the Exeter Plate, 4000 rupees, by Dulcimer, and the Gaya Cup, of 2000 rupees, by Florrie. The lastnamed is owned by the famous cricketer, Prince Ranjitsinhji.

The name of the Riverina horse Rawden, who has been performing so well about Melbourne of late, has been altered to Sir Rawden, so as to avoid confusion with Rawdon, the Grand National Hurdle Race winner.

While taking part in the Opening Handicap at the Collector races on Saturday the racehorse Muskador ran against a post, and fractured his jaw.

Entries for the Wallsend J.C. meeting on the 22nd instant close with the secretary (Mr. E. Coucher) at 8 p.m. to-day. The programme is as follows:—Shorts Handicap, 40 sovs, 6f; Flying Welter, 30 sovs, lowest weight 7st 7lb, 7f; Town Plate, 60 sovs, 1m 1f; Borough Handicap, 30 sovs, for horses that have not won a prize of 30 sovs, 6f; Final Handicap, 40 sovs, lowest weight 7st 7lb, 7f.

A.J.C. AUTUMN HANDICAPS.

The weights for the principal handicap events to be decided at the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting were declared yesterday, and are published elsewhere in this column. The well-performed Gladsome heads the list for the Doncaster Handicap with 9st 12lb, and wonderfully brilliant though she is, it is her full share. Regio, at a concession of 3lb, reads better, while Sweet Nell, if in her old form, will not want for friends with 9st 4lb, while Overdale with a couple of pounds less has been left with a chance. If Ibex's connections fancied his chance in the Newmarket with 9st 11lb they should be more than satisfied with the 8st 12lb, which has been allotted to him by Mr. Daly, and if the big chestnut can be got well he should at least hold the top weights safe. Lower down the list Marvel Loch, Koopan, and St. Simmer read well at their respective burdens, and with an even 8st Medallist should be nicely suited. Port Jackson and Kilfera immediately catch the eye in the 7st division, while Handsome, Mack, Mary of Argyle, Graceton, Charles Stuart, Saida, Lady Simmer, and Mark have not been overburdened, while of those under 7st the best appear to be Sarto, Steel Trust, Zythos, Trenayr, High Collar, and Stormaway.

Gladsome also holds the post of honour in the Sydney Cup with 9st 5lb, but with the odd pounds knocked off Sweet Nell has been left with a chance, while Overdale and Lord Ullin's Daughter, who come next on the list, bear a very healthy appearance. Long Tom has been given a weight well within his compass over the distance, while with 8st 7lb the Melbourne Cup winner, Acrasia, need only be in her best form to have a first-class chance, and at the same weight Dividend's recent good deeds entitle him to the greatest respect. Of the others in the 8st division the best appear to be Blue Spec, Elvo, and Canteen. Marvel Loch, Tartan, and Koopan are the first three in the 7st section, and neither has cause for complaint, while Raeburn, Ossian, Saida, Panama, Nuncio, and Trenwith lower down have been nicely weighted while Stormaway may be the best of those under 7st.

The following weights have been issued for the principal handicap events to be decided at the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting:—

FIRST DAY.

DONCASTER HANDICAP.—1m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Gladsome	9	12	Charles Stuart	7	7
Regio	9	9	Boabdil	7	7
Emir	9	7	Deemster	7	6
Cherson	9	5	Saida	7	6
Sweet Nell	9	4	Cressy	7	6
Overdale	9	2	Lady Simmer	7	5
Sir Leonard	9	0	P. K.	7	5
Famous	9	0	Sabina	7	4
Lord Ullin's Daughter	9	0	Morna	7	4
Ibex	8	12	Ninyas	7	3
Sylvanite	8	12	Scotland	7	2
Sinnang	8	11	Mark	7	1
F. J. A.	8	11	Roller	7	0
Cato	8	10	Medals	7	0
Alias	8	7	Maraschino	7	0
Canteen	8	7	Sir Faust	7	0
St. Modan	8	4	Apsley	6	12
Abington	8	4	Lachlan	6	12
Marvel Loch	8	4	Sunderland	6	12
Ruenalf II.	8	4	Sarto	6	12
Koopan	8	3	Ian	6	12
Tartan	8	3	Chimer	6	12
St. Simmer	8	2	Steel Trust	6	12
Bright Beauty	8	0	Automatic	6	12
Haloya	8	0	Argentum	6	12
Marie Corelli	8	0	Lady Wallace	6	12
Mura	8	0	Delcore	6	11
The Palmist	8	0	Vibrate	6	11
Solitary	8	0	English Rose	6	11
Medallist	8	0	Zythos	6	11
Handsome	7	13	Atholine	6	9
Berthier	7	13	Trenayr	6	9
Ironmould	7	13	Sleeper	6	7
Port Jackson	7	13	Scot Free	6	7
Demas	7	12	Troytown	6	7
De Mallion	7	12	Comic Opera	6	7
Billingsgate	7	12	Skibo	6	7
Lady Laura	7	12	Wallabadah	6	7
Kilfera	7	11	Rudyard	6	7
The Relic	7	11	Lelamina	6	7
Bullion	7	11	Coomealla	6	7
Lord Boyne	7	11	Mutandum	6	7
Fashoda	7	10	Gig	6	7
Mary of Argyle	7	10	Belle Marie	6	7
Mack	7	10	High Collar	6	7
Simnel	7	10	Stormaway	6	7
Lucknow	7	10	Isos	6	7
Graceton	7	10	Probet	6	7
Independence	7	10	The Hawker	6	7
Ballark	7	8	Zepho	6	7
Gerardy	7	8			

SYDNEY CUP.—2m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Gladsome	9	5	Billingsgate	7	7
Emir	9	2	Raeburn	7	6
Sweet Nell	9	0	Ossian	7	5
Overdale	8	12	Mack	7	4
Lord Ullin's Daughter	8	11	Lamrock	7	3
Cherson	8	9	Ballark	7	3
Long Tom	8	8	Saida	7	2
Acrasia	8	7	Panama	7	2
F. J. A.	8	7	Gerardy	7	2
Dividend	8	7	[illegible]	7	1
Sylvanite	8	7	Nuncio	7	0
Sinnang	8	6	Graceton	7	0
Cato	8	6	Morna	7	0
Blue Spec	8	4	Lady Simmer	7	0
Elvo	8	4	Trenwith	7	0
Alias	8	4	Ninyas	6	12
Canteen	8	2	Medals	6	10
Scotty	8	2	Loredano	6	10
Blinker	8	2	Granilite	6	10
St. Ambrose	8	2	Green Mountain	6	10
Marvel Loch	7	13	Sarto	6	8
Tartan	7	13	Proceed	6	8
Koopan	7	13	Refuge Bay	6	7
Famous	7	13	Fanshawe	6	7
Lord Fitzroy	7	12	Sunderland	6	7
St. Modan	7	10	Zepho	6	7
Ironmould	7	10	Stormaway	6	7
Bright Beauty	7	10	Capertee	6	7
Zenda	7	9	Belle Marie	6	7
Demas	7	8	The Hawker	6	7
Tatterdemalion	7	8	Scot Free	6	7
The Relic	7	7	Rudyard	6	7
Bullion	7	7	Troytown	6	7
			Skibo	6	7

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

IMPORTANT BLOOD STOCK SALE.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Messrs. Yuille and Co. held a sale of horses at Newmarket to-day. Of the 108 lots catalogued some were not put up, and a number were passed in. Falkirk did not elicit a bid, neither did Australian, who has just finished a 12 months' spell. Clean Titley, Bullion, Patronus, Mark, Mosman, Florin, Japhet, Abington, The Hawker, Demas, Kilmarnock, Elgin, Mairp, Merriang, Repent, Speculation, and Yum Yum were amongst those submitted that failed to command satisfactory offers. For Demas 400gs was the best bid, the reserve being announced as 500gs, which was also the reserve on Bullion. The best offer for Mark was 160gs, Patronus 230gs, Mosman 135gs, Florin 150gs, Japhet 140gs, Abington 310gs, The Hawker 140gs, Kilmarnock 230gs, and Elgin 25[illegible]gs. The reserve on Kilmarnock and [illegible] was announced as 350gs [illegible] bred St. Ambrose was sold as a stallion to Mr. J. Reid, of New Zealand, for 550gs. Young Creswick went to Mr. W. Anderson, owner of Toonga, for 250gs. The principal sales were as follows:—On account Mr. J. O. Inglis: Marks, J. Thompson, 52½gs. Account Mr. E. N. M'Arthur: Billall, Mr. W. M. Park, 100gs; Mario, Mr. C. Elliott, 180gs. Account Mr. W. Clark: St. Ambrose, Mr. J. B. Reid (N.Z.), 550gs. Account other owners: Br f, 4 years, by Padlock—Strange Device, Mr. T. Conway, 80gs; br f, 4 years, by Padlock—Shimmer, Mr. T. Conway, 165gs; Young Creswick, Mr. W. Anderson, 250gs; Sarasati, Mr. A. Miller, 155gs; York, Mr. J. Moorehouse, 185gs; Cyrano, Mr. A. J. Staughton, 60gs; Czarovitch, Mr. Connelly (W.A.), 120gs; Troytown, Mr. W. E. Stanley, 290gs; Zepho, Mr. F. W. Purches, 115gs; King Billy, Mr. Johnson, 35gs; Haut Nove, Mr. W. Allan, 52½gs; Napoleon, Mr. F. Musgrave, 105gs; Pliable, Mr. A. Miller, 220gs; Grenadier, Mr. G. Pyke, 290gs; Buttercup, Mr. R. Morton, 37½gs; b or br h, 5 years, by Light Artillery—Perhaps, Mr. W. Allan, 50gs; Umutbee, Mr. J. Watson, 100gs.

Payten's horses will be sent back to Sydney by steamer on Wednesday. Fielder's horses—Lamrock, Abington, Master Joe, and Isos—return by train to-morrow.

Scotch Reel has been scratched for the Steeplechase, and Transport for the Marong Hurdles, to be run at the V.A.T.C. meeting on Saturday.

ROSEBERY PARK RACES.

There was a good attendance at the Rosebery Park meeting yesterday, when the results were as follow:—

Fourteen-three Handicap, 6f.—Woodbine, 8st 1lb (Julius), 1; Swallow, 8st (Adams), 2; Unseen, 7st 3lb (Byrne), 3. Other starters: Geraldine, Amazon, Sunshine, and Uralus. Betting: 2 to 1 each v Swallow and Unseen, 4 to 1 v Amazon, 5 to 1 v Woodbine, 10 to 1 v others. Won by four lengths. Time, 1m 27¼s.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4f.—Bay Nell, 7st (Byrne), 1; Cyclone, 7st 2lb (Watterson), 2; Pearl Beau, 7st 2lb (Cartwright), 3. Other starters: Lady Morton and Stockdale. Betting: 5 to 4 on Cyclone, 3 to 1 v Bay Nell, 5 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 52¼s.

Novice Handicap, 4f.—Corrie, 8st 12lb (M'Mahon), 1; Battalion, 9st (Watterson), 2. Other starters: Lady Bell, Rex, Bright Star, Gundywank, and Try Me. Betting: Even money on Rex, 7 to 2 v Corrie, 6 to 1 v others. Won by three lengths. Time, 52¼s. Second division: Fair Beau, 7st 9lb (Byrne), 1; La Perouse, 7st 12lb (Cartwright), 2. Other starters: The Ace, Kickham, Abydor, Electric Light, and Chance. Betting: 7 to 4 v La Perouse, 3 to 1 v Electric Light, 4 to 1 v Abydor, 5 to 1 v The Ace, 8 to 1 v others. Won by a length and a half. Time, 52¼s. The heat-winners divided.

Fourteen Hands Handicap, 4½f.—Luleon, 8st 6lb (Cartwright), 1; Mab, 10st 9lb (Connell), 2; Profit, 7st (Byrne), 3. Other starters: Dinah J. and Dowie. Betting: 5 to 4 on Mab, even money on Luleon, 10 to 1 v others. Won by three lengths. Time, 59¼s.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 4f.—Good Mona, 10st 9lb (Connell), 1; Belle Cole, 8st 9lb (M'Mahon), 2; Arlene, 7st 9lb (Cartwright), 3. Other starters: Satania, Carbeen, and Fargo. Betting: 5 to 4 v Belle Cole, 3 to 1 v Arlene, 5 to 1 v Satania, 10 to 1 v others. Won by half a head. Time, 52s.

Rosebery Park Handicap, 4f.—Imperial, 7st 7lb (Byrne), 1; Amyas, 10st 8lb (Connell), 2; Sweetheart, 7st (Cartwright), 3. Other starters: Loch Arrow, Pearl Ash, Loyal Prix, Chester Lily. Betting: Even money on Amyas, 5 to 2 v Imperial, 4 to 1 v Loch Arrow, 8 to 1 v others. Won by three lengths. Time, 51s.

V.A.T.C. MARCH MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Following are the weights for the V.A.T.C. Meeting to be held on Saturday:—

Marong Hurdle, 2m 64yds.—Betrayer, 12st 9lb; Matong, 12st 3lb; Trent, 12st 8lb; Orlando, 11st 2lb; Transport II., 10st 13lb; Stopwatch, 10st 13lb; Shilling, 10st 13lb; The Waster, 10st 5lb; Blue Rock, 10st 3lb; Repent, 10st 3lb; Speculation, 10st 3lb; Clare, 9st 13lb; Loongana, 9st 13lb; Vestment, 9st 10lb; Marine, 9st 10lb; Wickliffe, 9st 7lb; Footway, 9st 7lb; Pactolus, 9st 7lb; Glen Allen, 9st 3lb; Wyrallah, 9st 3lb; Black Spider, 9st; Rahato, 9st; Romeo, 9st; Whisper, 9st.

Orrong Two-year-old, 6f.—Decollette, 9st; Canonised, 8st 2lb; Mani States, 7st 10lb; Tulkerno, 7st 10lb; Marc Antony, 7st 10lb; Prestonpans, 7st 7lb; St. Peter, 7st 2lb; Zoraya, 7st 2lb; Two Step, 7st 2lb; Simoda, 6st 12lb; Miss Bobby, 6st 10lb; Black Knight, 6st 7lb; La Siesta, 6st 7lb.

St. Kilda Cup, 1m 1f.—Step Out, 9st 11lb; Avalon, 8st 11lb; Rawden, 8st 9lb; Patronus, 8st 7lb; Purser, 8st 5lb; Marie Corelli, 8st 3lb; Gunstock, 8st 1lb; Ballark, 8st; Bullion, 8st; Rotana, 7st 13lb; Hatteras, 7st 11lb; Athane, 7st 11lb; Lieutenant Bill, 7st 9lb; Cluster, 7st 7lb; Yum Yum, 7st 7lb; Pliable, 7st 5lb; Durban, 7st 1lb; Florin, 7st 1lb; Newmarket, 6st 12lb; Impress, 6st 12lb; Tisiphone, 6st 7lb; Gilda, 6st 7lb; Hadji, 6st 7lb; Blair, 6st 7lb.

Oberon Steeplechase, about 2m.—Lamond, 10st 12lb; Colenso, 11st 12lb; Freedom, 11st 9lb; Antique, 11st 7lb; Abdallah, 11st; P.M.G., 10st 13lb; Poster, 10st 9lb; Robgill, 10st 5lb; Black Spider, 10st 5lb; Tork, 10st 3lb; Scotch Reel, 10st 2lb; Cronje, 10st; Problem, 9st 12lb; Govura, 9st 10lb; Jack, 9st 8lb; Murawai, 9st 5lb; Black Bird, 9st 5lb; Postmistress, 9st 3lb; Blazes, 9st; Esron, 9st; Neptune, 9st.

Ubique Welter, 7f.—Regio, 11st 12lb; Purser, 10st 12lb; Nirvana, 9st 12lb; Romeo, 9st 7lb; Narelle, 9st 5lb; Troytown, 9st 1lb; Nimbus, 9st 1lb; Withan, 9st 1lb; Siririts, 9st 1lb; Mustang, 8st 13lb; The Critic, 8st 13lb; Deucalion, 8st 10lb; Rangatira, 8st 10lb; Illumination, 8st 7lb; Unknown, 8st 7lb; Hadji, 8st 7lb; Gilda, 8st 5lb; Vestment, 8st 5lb; Grey Seaton, 8st 5lb; Hovera, 8st 5lb; Vim, 8st 1lb; The Laird, 8st 1lb; Brilliance, 8st 1lb; Matsumato, 8st 1lb; Joubert, 8st; The Gleaner, 8st.

South Yarra Handicap, 6f.—Regio, 10st 7lb; Haloya, 9st 2lb; Independence, 9st; Manlock, 9st; Bonnie Chiel, 8st 7lb; Boabdil, 8st; Baritone, 8st; Napoleon, 8st; Conclusion, 7st 12lb; Posco, 7st 11lb; Loch Hunter, 7st 11lb; Miss Peggy, 7st 8lb; Lachlan, 7st 5lb; Palindrome, 7st 5lb; Retrencher, 7st 3lb; Attitude, 7st 1lb; Kingbolt, 7st 1lb; Roller, 7st 1lb; Distraction, 6st 7lb; Blue Rose, 6st 7lb.

WARWICK FARM RACING CLUB.

Subjoined are the weights for next Saturday's meeting at Warwick Farm:—

Farm Stakes, 6f.—Spermlight, 9st 5lb; Macrocarpa, 8st 9lb; Tyson, 8st 4lb; Rothschild, 8st 4lb; Courageous, 8st; Keeper, 8st; Werriwa, 8st; Tall Boy, 8st; Trend, 8st; Whakatika, 8st 10lb; Mount Russell, 7st 10lb; Lady Leah, 7st 10lb; Tongy, 7st 7lb.

Jumpers' Flat Race, 1¼m.—Signature, 12st 4lb; Braemar, 10st 10lb; Osprey, 10st 10lb; Olynthus, 9st 12lb; Aronzo, 9st.

Flying Mile.—Marvel Loch, 10st 4lb; The Palmist, 10st; Kilfera, 9st 11lb; Lucknow, 9st 10lb; Gerardy, 9st 5lb; Danny Mann, 9st 5lb; Ninyas, 9st 5lb; Sir Faust, 9st 2lb; Grandby, 8st 12lb; Mulison, 8st 4lb; Horologist, 8st 5lb; Cordon, 8st 1lb; Yo San, 7st 7lb; Waikato, 7st 7lb.

Warwick Handicap, 1¼m.—Overdale, 9st 12lb; Zenda, 8st 2lb; Fireclay, 8st 6lb; Loch Nenagh, 8st 4lb; Graceton, 8st 2lb; Panama, 8st 2lb; Signature, 8st; Red Flag, 7st 8lb; Loredano, 7st 3lb; Refuge Bay, 6st 10lb; Pierrot, 8st 10lb; Siesta, 8st 7lb; Mutandum, 6st 7lb.

Pace Welter, 6f.—Yanawsa, 9st 12lb; Ian, 9st 9lb; Sabina (late Vestal), 9st 7lb; Osprey, 9st 5lb; Bridge, 9st 3lb; Sleeper, 9st; Talofa, 8st 12lb; Muffler, 8st 11lb; Donegal, 8st 10lb; Tall Boy, 8st 7lb; Farnworth, 8st 7lb; Trendel, 8st 7lb; Grafnell, 8st 7lb; The Desolator, 8st 7lb; Combine, 8st 7lb.

KENSINGTON RACING CLUB.

Following are the weights which have been issued for to-morrow's meeting at Kensington:—

Fifteen Hands Handicap, 5f.—Amyas, 10st; Kelp, 8st 12lb; Konig, 8st 8lb; Battler, 8st 5lb; Sea Bird, 8st; Rose Bay, 7st 12lb; Pegar, 7st 12lb; Carlotta, 7st 12lb; Blue Cap II., 7st 9lb; Sparrow, 7st 3lb; Pivot, 7st 3lb; Kilmeny, 7st 2lb; Little Joe, 7st.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 5f.—Indiana, 9st 12lb; Maisie, 9st 9lb; Mab, 9st 7lb; Sea Shell, 9st 4lb; Ladybird, 8st 5lb; Mildred, 8st 3lb; Myalba, 8st 2lb; Claretta, 7st 10lb; Shimose, 7st 4lb; Quality, 7st 2lb; Hipkish, 7st; Dryad, 7st; Rosie, 7st.

Trial Stakes, 6f.—Solitaire, 9st 8lb; Lady Loch, 9st 5lb; Sandringham, 8st 8lb; Pretty Holly, 8st 8lb; Admission, 8st 8lb; Geraldine, 8st; Special Wire, 8st; Church Hour, 7st 13lb; Robin Hood, 7st 11lb; Sweet Helen, 7st 11lb; Monica, 7st 10lb; Le Var, 7st 9lb; Napier, 7st 8lb; Dawn, 7st 8lb; Miss Henry, 7st 8lb; Amazon, 7st 8lb; J. O., 7st 7lb; Zaroma, 7st; Milroy, 7st.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4½f.—Sceptre, 9st 8lb; Monkey, 9st 2lb; Celia, 8st 9lb; Missfire, 8st 6lb; Indian, 8st 3lb; Melita, 7st 12lb; Lady Danton, 7st 10lb; Twilight, 7st 5lb; Cameo, 7st; Honeysuckle, 7st.

Fourteen-two Welter, 4½f.—Belle Cole, 10st 5lb; Report, 10st 2lb; Peeress, 9st 3lb; The Duchess, 9st 1lb; Ladybird, 8st 12lb; Harkaway, 8st 10lb; Maid of the Hunter, 8st 9lb; Fright, 8st 9lb; Fargo, 8st 5lb; Carbeen, 8st 5lb.

Kensington Handicap, 1¼m.—Orange, 10st 10lb; Loch Arrow, 8st; Sasin, 7st 12lb; Carlotta, 7st 12lb; Blue Cap, 7st 10lb; Katherine Howard, 7st 6lb; Lady Loch, 7st 5lb; Specimen, 7st 3lb; Solitaire, 7st 3lb; Kilcoy, 7st 2lb; Woodbine, 7st 2lb; Miss Henry, 7st; Cora II., 7st.

BOURKE ST. PATRICK'S DAY MEETING.

BOURKE, Monday.

Following are the weights for the two principal events of the St. Patrick's Race Meeting to be held on the 17th instant:—

Hibernian Handicap, 6f.—Zerda, 10st 12lb; Donnybrook, 10st 5lb; Plaintiff, 9st 6lb; Lady Randwick, 9st 8lb; Paka, 8st 5lb; Dante, 7st 7lb; Tricks, 7st 5lb; Cronje, 7st 5lb; Maroo, 7st 3lb; Loch May, 7st; Lynette, 7st; Philistine, 6st 7lb.

St. Patrick's Handicap, 7f.—Donnybrook, 10st 3lb; Plaintiff, 9st 4lb; Lady Randwick, 9st 1lb; Paka, 8st 7lb; Dante, 7st 5lb; Tricks, 7st 3lb; Cronje, 7st 3lb; Loch May, 6st 12lb.

COLLECTOR RACES.

GOULBURN, Monday.

The annual races at Collector on Saturday were well attended. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—Taraga, 9st 5lb, 1; Reform, 8st 9lb, 2.

Collector Handicap.—Appeal (late Leapfrog), 7st 10lb, 1; Ranji, 7st, 2; Avondale, 9st 5lb, 3.

Flying Handicap.—Ballet Girl, 8st 7lb, 1.

Farewell Handicap.—Avondale.

THE NEWCASTLE CUP.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The following handicaps were declared to-night for the Newcastle Cup, to be run on April 1:—Famous, 10st 5lb; Long Tom, 9st 6lb; Ruenalf, 8st 10lb; Marie Corelli, 8st 8lb; St. Modan, 8st 8lb; Solitary, 8st 8lb; Tatterdemalion, 8st 8lb; Fungus, 8st 6lb; Lord Moyne, 8st 6lb; Lady Laura, 8st 6lb; Ossian, 8st 6lb; Fashoda, 8st 4lb; Loch Nenagh, 8st 4lb; Signature, 8st 4lb; Panama, 8st 4lb; Graceton, 8st 4lb; Simnel, 8st 4lb; Camden, 8st; Lady Simmer, 8st; Demallion, 7st 12lb; Saida, 7st 12lb; Ninyas, 7st 12lb; Yule Cake, 7st 12lb; Granilite, 7st 12lb; Red Flag, 7st 7lb; Zythos, 7st 7lb; Fusile, 7st 7lb; Sunderland, 7st 7lb; Pleasure, 7st 7lb; Braemar, 7st 7lb; Loredano, 7st 4lb; Antaea, 7st 4lb; Pause, 7st 4lb; Naples, 7st 4lb; Gig, 7st 4lb; Ryde, 7st 4lb; Mangosteen, 7st 2lb; Athol King, 7st 2lb; Automatous, 7st 2lb; Automatic, 7st 2lb; Neptunus, 7st 2lb; The Bairn, 7st 2lb; Zanzibar, 7st 2lb; Metal Lace, 7st 2lb; Yosan, 7st; Felicita, 7st; Byton, 7st; Chronograph, 7st; Osprey, 7st; Strabo, 7st; Miss Minerva, 7st; Stormaway (imp.), 6st 7lb; Rudyard, 6st 7lb; Tattoo, 6st 7lb; Mollyhawk, 6st 7lb; Niebel, 6st 7lb; Phil May, 6st 7lb; Zibeline, 6st 7lb; Midlothian, 6st 7lb; Sir Ronald, 6st 7lb; Sinless, 6st 7lb; Hush, 6st 7lb; Warnworth (late Dally), 6st 7lb; Enooma, 6st 7lb; A. Z., 6st 7lb; Prince Hanlon, 6st 7lb; Eppie, 6st 7lb.

POLO.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The tournament for the Madden Polo Cup was concluded on the Koyong ground on Saturday, when Melbourne A team, 7 goals handicap, defeated Girgaree, 5 goals handicap, by 13 goals 6 behinds to 7 goals 9 behinds.

BOWLS.

ST. GEORGE CLUB.

In the first round of the tournament for the trophy presented by Mr. R. Hyndman, treasurer to the St. George Club, Pitman (8) defeated Alderson (10) by 21 points to 21, O'Brien (9) beat Garden (10) by 33 points to 17.

The competition for the trophy presented by Mr. Phippard has also been commenced, in which M'Millan (12) defeated Skipper (12) by 31 points to 29, Kinsela (4) defeated Gibbons by 31 points to 15; whilst in the championship competition Hyndman defeated Phippard by 31 points to 25, and Bromwich beat Kinsela by 31 points to 22.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

THE SYDNEY THOUSAND

DRAW FOR THE SEMI-FINALS.

The third meeting of the Sydney Thousand Carnival will be held to-morrow night, when the five semi-finals of the big handicap will be run. Each of the winners of these semi-finals will have qualified for the big final to be run on Wednesday night, 22nd inst. The second, third, and fourth men in to-morrow night's semi-finals will have another chance in the special semi-finals next Saturday night.

The following is the draw for to-morrow night's semi-finals:—

First heat: F. MacFarland, scr; Geo. Farley, 10yds; F. H. Scheps, 40yds; F. A. Murphy, 60yds; W. Houston, 70yds; E. T. Harris, 110yds; J. Cooper, 120yds; N. L. Craig, 140yds; A. S. Fregon, 160yds; F. G. Simpson, 170yds.

Second heat: T. Ellegaard and I. Lawson, scr; D. J. Walker, 30yds; R. Arnst, 50yds; W. Palmer, 60yds; B. Goodson, 70yds; J. Megson, 100yds; D. Wyatt, 120yds; O. Clarke, 150yds; J. Honeysett, 190yds.

Third heat: W. Rutt, scr; W. M'Donald, 20yds; N. M. Anderson, 40yds; H. W. Morgan, 60yds; D. Sheehan, 70yds; B. P. Kett, 90yds; F. S. Hagney, 120yds; H. Dogger, 150yds; A. J. Bergin, 160yds; E. B. Purster, 170yds.

Fourth heat: J. M'Mahon, 110yds; D. J. Plunkett, 120yds; E. Bestel, 130yds; H. Gordon, 140yds; E. Lesberg, 140yds; J. Rattray, 160yds; P. Higgin, 160yds; A. Butler, 170yds; S. A. Whyte, 200yds; J. Pepper, 230yds.

Fifth heat: G. H. Horder, 90yds; O. H. Brook, 90yds; G. Foster, 120yds; B. S. Joyce, 130yds; W. Lear, 140yds; A. Gilmore, 150yds; J. Doherty, 160yds; C. B. Goode, 170yds; A. Thompson, 190yds; F. Thompson, 200yds.

The winners of the semi-finals should be MacFarland, Ellegaard, Butt, Plunkett, and Horder. Among those to be placed for the special semi-finals we select Farley, Craig, and Simpson in the first heat; Lawson, Arnst, and Megson in the second heat; Andersen, Kett, and Bergin in the third heat; Gordon, Lesberg, and Rattray for the fourth heat; and Brook, Lear, and Goode for the fifth heat. A careful perusal of the names and marks as drawn will show that the races will be very interesting, as the 50 men to compete are all in first-class form, and although we have selected those we consider will be placed, the heats are very open, and there is plenty of room for a surprise packet. The heat in which Lawson and Ellegaard meet should be specially good, as they will have to pace about from the gun to get up, and then there will be a battle royal for the first place, which, on Saturday night's running, should go to Ellegaard.

In addition to the Sydney Thousand semi-finals, there will be some interesting handicap and scratch events, in which all the cracks appear. On paper, the programme looks one of the finest that has been put on the Sydney Cricket Ground track.

After to-morrow night the carnival will be continued on Saturday night next, Monday night, the 20th instant, and will conclude on Wednesday night, the 22nd instant, when the final of the Sydney Thousand will be run. On Saturday night the special semi-finals of the "Thousand" and the Kent Plate, a £50 mile scratch, will be run. On Monday night the Kent Plate will be concluded, and the one mile championship of New South Wales will be discussed. The special team match between the Australian and Waringah clubs will also be run on Monday night.

AUSTRALIAN BICYCLE CLUB.

A special general meeting of members of the Australian B.C. will be held at the King's Head Hotel to-night, to vote on the election of the City Club's representatives on the league council. Mr. T. J. Remfrey, hon. treasurer of the Australian Club, who has been nominated for the treasurership of the league, has withdrawn his name in favour of his club mate, Mr. D. Harvison, who is also nominated for treasurer.

LAWN TENNIS.

N.S.W. ASSOCIATION.

A council meeting of delegates was held on Friday evening, after the annual meeting. Mr. W. H. Forrest presided over a large attendance.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. W. H. Forrest, E. S. M'Dermott, and T. H. Hicks, was appointed to arrange the date for playing the next interstate match against Victoria at Sydney.

Mr. T. P. Carr was appointed hon. secretary for the interstate matches, and the following committee are to control same:—A Class: Messrs. H. S. Fox, C. S. Deane, G. W. Wright, N. Y. Deane, J. N. Griffiths. B, C, and D classes and ladies' matches: Messrs. J. N. Selden, A. H. Norton, J. E. Gosling, M. L. M'Callum, A. Bruce, C. Delmer, J. E. Ewing, L. Howell.

The Goulburn Club was granted sanction to include the Southern district championships in its programme for the usual Easter tournament.

Mr. P. B. Colquhoun was appointed the association's vice-president on the Australasian Association, and Dr. Sharp was appointed second delegate, the other being Mr. T. H. Hicks.

It was decided to issue an official lawn tennis handbook, and Messrs. H. S. Fox, E. S. M'Dermott, and T. H. Hicks were deputed to compile same.

Mr. M'Dermott submitted a report as to what had been done concerning the securing of a ground for the association.

ARTHURSLEIGH v ROSEHILL.

This match was won by the Arthursleigh by 7 sets 43 games to 1 set 30 games. The following were the scores:—

Arthursleigh. Rosehill.
A. and F. Hobbs v W. Larcombe and Barry, 1-6.
A. and F. Hobbs v W. Larcombe and Barry, 6-5.
A. and F. Hobbs v Anderson and Middleton, 6-4.
A. and F. Hobbs v Anderson and Middleton, 6-4.
Pepper and Taylor v Anderson and Middleton, 6-1.
Pepper and Taylor v Anderson and Middleton, 6-4.
Pepper and Taylor v W. Larcombe and Barry, 6-2.
Pepper and Taylor v W. Larcombe and Barry, 6-4.

The contest for the Chatswood Club's captaincy has been concluded, the holder (L. B. Sloman) retaining his supremacy. In the semi-final Dr. Clarke beat G. B. Jenkins, 6-1, 6-3; E. T. Moodie beat F. H. Robinson, 6-5, 6-2. Final: Dr. G. R. C. Clarke beat E. T. Moodie, 6-2, 6-4. Challenge round: L. B. Sloman (holder) beat Clarke (challenger), 6-0, 6-3.

CRICKET.

THIRD GRADE.

GLEBE III. v NORTH SYDNEY III.

North Sydney won by five wickets and 110 runs. Glebe, 101 and 58 (Daly 25). White, three wickets for 33, Anderson six for 22. North Sydney, 100 and five for 169 (Dettman 40 not out, Barker 25, Tremlett 27 not out).

PETERSHAM v REDFERN.

Petersham won by 53 runs. Petersham, 210 and 168 (S. Smith 77, O'Neill 26 not out). Anthony four for 41, Scope two for 5. Redfern, 157 (Scope 45, Anthony 26). Barr four for 26, Eames three for 12.

BALMAIN v BURWOOD.

Balmain won by eight wickets and 14 runs. Burwood, 90 and 61 (Palser 20 not out). Freeman, eight wickets for 22. Balmain, 78 and two for 101 (Bentley 53 not out, Turner 28 not out).

LEICHHARDT v PADDINGTON.

Paddington won by five wickets and 12 runs. Leichhardt, 81 and 191 (closed) for seven wickets (T. Bury 46, E. Wilson 39, A. Stephens 58 not out). Paddington, 108 and five for 179 (H. Edson 58).

SYDNEY III. v NEWTOWN II.

Sydney beat Newtown. For the latter Foster got 38.

BRISBANE MATCHES.

South Brisbane, 234 (W. B. Hayes 84) v. Fortitude Valley, three wickets for 51; Oxley, 71, v Woolloongabba, four for 93 (C. R. Crouch not out 56); North Brisbane, nine for 318 (M. M'Caffrey 91) v Nundah; Toombul, 245, (R. S. Cheesman 88) v Toowong, one for 3.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CRICKET.

A match will be played on the Sports Ground next Thursday afternoon between two second grade teams, with a view to selecting a combined eleven. The following will comprise the teams:—

Western Districts.—Wheatley and Kyle (Kegworth), Smith, Taylor, Souter (Petersham), Andrews, Brogden, Peachey (Newtown), Youdale (Burwood), Murray (Forest Lodge), Johnson (Balmain), James (Summer Hill), Ray Norman (Annandale).

Eastern District.—Fraser (Neutral Bay), McIntyre and Roberts (North St. Leonards), Meacle (Naremburn), Welch (East St. Leonards), Kinsley (Willoughby), Johnson (Mosman's Bay), Brown (Crown-street), Healey (Double Bay), Marshall (Paddington), Muirhead (Surry Hills), Burgess and Trethewey (Cleveland-street).

MATCHES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

A fresh round of the senior cricket matches began on Saturday in delightful weather, and a step forward in the system of electorate cricket was made in the beginning of matches on the new oval at Hindmarsh. West Torrens, the local team, dismissed East Adelaide for 154 (Coombe securing six wickets for 40), and in reply made 38 for no wickets. West Adelaide compiled 214 against North Adelaide, A. G. D. Sands scoring 81. North Adelaide lost two wickets for 14 runs. Port Adelaide occupied East Torrens' wicket all the afternoon, making 190 runs for nine wickets. The principal feature of the play was the bowling of T. C. Hantke, who captured six wickets for 53 runs.

Balmain and District Association.—A grade: Pyrmont Hampden, 357 (Miller 108, Jno. M'Farland 90, Jas. M'Farland 73), beat Pyrmont Refinery, 38. B grade: Pyrmont Juniors, 102 (M'Dougall 59), beat Pyrmont Melrose, 65 and 27. Drummoyne Borough, 55 and 117 (Chidgey 23, Boon 20), beat Leichhardt Hill, 78 and 68 (Whitton 23, Toomey 23). C grade: Elvira, 130 and 62 (Creer 73, Johnson 21), beat Toxteth, 30 and 35 (Stafford 20). Five Dock, 90 and 57, beat Leichhardt Juniors, 66 and 58.

Centennial Park Competition.—Verona, 106 (35 handicap), v Iolanthe (35 handicap). Double Bay Wentworth (25), 88 (Clark 26 not out), v St. Mary's (20), two for 41. Waverley Waratah (15), 129 (Eaton 61), v Standard (15), two for 33. St. John's (50), 44, v Woollahra Alberts (15), seven for 109 (G. M'Intyre 36). Coastal Farmers forfeited to Glanmis. B.A.A. to Epacris, Singer and Co. to Thelma.

Great Public Schools' Competition.—Newington College, 109 and 187 (Chapman 50) beat St. Joseph's College, 53 and 113. S.C.E.G.S., 399 (Dean 174, Massie 54) beat Scots' College, 49 and 103 (Way 29 and 60).

Public Schools' Competition.—A grade: Cleveland-street, 125 (Lawrence 41, Fisher 27) beat Leichhardt, 84 (Dunn 23, Nichols 28). Cooper, six wickets for 18. Forest Lodge, 71 (Davenport 25), Dick five wickets; beat Nicholson-street, 72 (Dick 12). Murray, five wickets for 17. Forest Lodge B, 74 (Body 15) beat Ultimo, 57 (Brown 20). Hebner (F.L.), seven wickets for 16.

Goulburn Juniors, 153 (Smith 62), beat Cooma Juniors, 89 (Caldwell 50).

BOXING.

H. Keys will meet M. Andrews at the National Sporting Club Hall to-night to box 20 rounds. Both are well and confident of winning, and a clever and fast display is anticipated. B. Clark and Gordon will supply the preliminary. Particulars are advertised.

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THE FURNACE FOR GOLD.

A TALE OF A MINING COMMUNITY.

"The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but the Lord trieth the hearts."—Proverbs XVII., 3.

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CHAPTER XVI.
ADONIS APPEARS.

The month drew to an end, the fateful month of Jim's experiments; the gold escort came to Neummurra to carry away the monthly amount of gold. The returns were made up, and the quantity obtained was so very little in advance of the returns of the previous month, that Jim could scarcely credit the tally, but was obliged to confess that it was correct. The manager was annoyed, but he wore the expression of one who had expected no more. The directors could scarcely blame him for a change that Buxton had ordered him to make.

He had not much faith in Hetherington's new-fangled ideas, and events had shown the justice of his doubt, he thought, as he watched with Marlowe the escort ride away from the office.

Dan Marlowe said little, as he listened with apparent indifference to Carson's remarks, but in spite of his anger against Jim he felt some stirring of remorse at the sight of the young man's downcast face. He resolved that for the next month at least he would not tamper with the gold as he had now done three times, since the night he had caught Shultz and Innis stealing the charcoal, for he had neither returned the gold, got rid of the men, nor set himself free from the strange power that Shultz had obtained over him that first night.

But however firmly he determined now, he knew in his inmost heart that when Shultz tempted him again, his resolution might fail. It was strange how completely poor Dan had succumbed to Shultz's evil influence. He had been a man who prided himself on his force of character, on the strength of his will, and now he knew that his force was powerless, his strength, weakness, before the malign and secret coercion of this man, one of the workmen under him, and one whom he should be able to dismiss if he chose on the morrow, but who, he knew, laughed in his sleeve at the mere thought of such a possibility. Shultz was well aware that the boss was afraid of him. Since the night when in his passion of jealousy and anger he had condoned their theft, and allowed himself to be persuaded to join in the plunder, he had lost his proper ascendency over him, and was helpless against their encroachments.

It was Shultz who was the master-mind; the craven Innis lived from hour to hour in fear, waiting for the day of reckoning, and Achmann, who still continued to work the creek in the hills for free gold, though he no longer received the charcoal amalgam from them, trembled at the thought that his secret was known to one of the bosses.

But Shultz gloried in his power, and boasted to his companions of its extent.

Dan's anger against Jim was dying away, but he showed no sign of this. He never spoke of him, except when absolute necessity required it; and Jim grew hopeless of any ultimate reconciliation.

He knew Dan, thought outwardly careful, was still drinking, and, though his iron frame showed little sign of any deterioration, his sullen taciturnity became more marked at home, and at the works. The new-born taint of cupidity, too, was growing; Marlowe began to feel that he would find it hard to bring himself to part with the gold he had stolen.

"Old Dan doesn't look the same man: I wonder what's come over him these days," the workmen remarked to each other, and Jim wondered how much longer this unnatural state of things could last.

He would not have believed at one time that Dan could continue to treat his old favourite so coldly, and being a warm-hearted young fellow he grieved over his friend's defection.

The low return of gold on this the first month of his experiment with the new treatment was a great blow to Jim. He could not understand how it was possible that such a thing could occur. He worried himself with assaying, and calculating, that seemed to prove that the free concentrates alone treated should have sent the yield up considerably, not to speak of the ordinary stuff, that should realise a fair percentage of the assay value. He was bitterly disappointed, but not hopeless. Next month would prove that he was right, and meantime he was doing his best, working overtime, and sparing neither himself nor the men, in his determination to succeed. He was not one to bring his worries home, but that night Anne could see that something was disturbing him. She was wise enough to leave him alone; if he wished to give her his confidence he would do so, without being teased for it. She wondered whether he was grieving over Pen, as he had not been up to the cottage for some time. Jim had not yet had the longed-for conversation with Pen, though he had met her several times during the month.

She had seemed different somehow, and the right moment to speak never appeared to arrive. When he saw her, she was with others, or, if alone, in one of her provoking moods, when it seemed impossible to speak of sentiment lest she should turn himself and his love into ridicule.

Now that his experiments at the works were so unsuccessful, and his future so doubtful, he wondered whether he was justified in asking Pen to be his wife, and he resolved to wait another month. But the thought that perhaps after all she did not care for him came to him at times, especially since he had heard of Lynne's approaching visit, and in spite of his strong will made his resolution waver. If he got a good chance, he almost resolved to speak, and end his misery.

The day after the escort left he heard that the manager's son had arrived, and in the afternoon Lynne came down to the works. He was not much altered, a little paler, but as handsome as ever. Jim wondered what Pen would think of the stranger, as he noticed the fashionable cut of his clothes, and the assured ease of his manner.

"So here is where I meet you," Lynne said, looking round with an amused smile at the busy scene. "I wondered whether the Jim Hetherington my sister wrote about was old 'Plugger.' Who'd have thought of your taking to mining?"

Jim laughed at the quizzical look in Lynne's face.

"Oh, I like it, though it wouldn't suit your superfineness," I'll admit."

"The dad has got a fair billet here, and the climate suits mother and Clara," said Lynne, ignoring the reference to himself. "But what sort of a place is Neummurra, anyway?"

"Oh, the usual run of mining townships; you've been in them before, surely?" said Jim.

"No, they never came much in my way; any more than their gold came into my pocket."

"Why, I understood you were a plutocrat in the way of barristers," said Jim.

"Behold me!" Lynne threw out his white hands dramatically, "an almost briefless barrister; talented, I'll admit, but not yet appreciated; a mere Judge's Associate."

"Stuff and nonsense," said Jim, laughing; "come now, how are you getting on at the Bar?"

"Fairly well," said Lynne. "I've been Rutherford's associate (good old boy Rutherford), but I am now on my own. I've had a case or two, and really think I'm getting up a fair connection. Things are a bit dull down south just now, and as I have not been too well lately, I thought I'd take a run up and see the old people. Fancy my luck in striking you here, old fellow."

"Not much luck in that," said Jim; but he could not help feeling pleased, though he knew how easy it was for Lynne to say pleasant things.

"Any pretty girls around here?" asked Lynne.

"What? about the works? I'm afraid not. We have no girl miners here," replied Jim, purposely obtuse; but his thoughts flew to Pen, and he wished that he could feel sure that the handsome barrister would not try to steal her away.

And yet, as the two men stood together, one might have considered the advantage in good looks lay with Jim, in spite of his working clothes, and his face touched with the red-grey dust of the crushers. His fine head, with its crisp brown waves of hair, topped the sleek dark head of his friend, and in some indefinable way his personality, too, gave the impression of being higher than that of the other. But both were good-looking men in the first flush of manhood.

"I see you won't give me any help in that line," said Lynne, seeing that Jim refused to be drawn on the subject of the young ladies of Neummurra. "I expect you've grown into quite a woman-hater. I always prophesied you would, you old Diogenes."

"And you are still as great a lady-killer as ever," said Jim, "Old Adonis," with a laugh.

"A bit more fastidious than in the old days, my boy. It takes an uncommonly pretty girl to set my heart beating in these degenerate times."

"A bit blase," said Jim, with a grin, "feeling old age creeping on now you've turned your quarter of a century?"

"You've struck it," said Lynne, "but here comes a rum-looking beggar. Who is the gloomy chap, Jim?"

"That is Mr. Marlowe, the boss of the works," said Jim.

"I can't say very much for his looks," said Lynne. "What is he scowling at? Does he think I'm wasting your time? Or planning to abstract some of the gold? I'll be off."

Jim did not try to detain him. He watched the slim, retreating figure with a certain wistful, yet half affectionate, envy. There was an all-conquering air about the young fellow that seemed a pledge and guarantee of success. Jim felt strangely depressed as he went about his work.

(To be continued.)

BUILDINGS AND WORKS.

ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS.

THE AGRICULTURAL GROUNDS.

In view of the approaching Royal Agricultural Society's Show, the grounds at Moore Park have been greatly improved during the past few months. On the south-western side of the main ring a heavy stone retaining wall has been built and terraces formed, so as to afford a view of the proceedings in the ring to about 6000 extra people. This work has been carried out at a cost of £300. The roads throughout the grounds have been considerably improved, something like £1600 having been spent upon them. In former years the society has had to refuse admission for horses entered in the miscellaneous class, which includes jumpers, hacks, etc, from country parts. In order to accommodate these, 44 new draught horse boxes have been built. The whole of the fat stock pens have been roofed in at a cost of £450. Exhibitors in this class will, it is expected, be pleased at the change. The dairy produce store is being enlarged at a cost of £200. This is a brick building with an iron roof. But perhaps the most substantial item in the list of improvements now being carried out is the erection of a new pavilion at a cost of £2100. This building, a contract for the erection of which was signed last week, will be of brick, and in design will harmonise with the new poultry shed adjoining. It will be 150ft long by 100ft wide. The architect is Mr. L. L. Ramsay, and the builder Mr. S. Walsh. There are also several minor improvements being carried out on the grounds, such as painting, topdressing, planting of grass, etc. Taken as a whole, the grounds will this year present a much better appearance, the comfort and convenience of both exhibitors and the general public having been more fully studied.

NEW SCHOOLS AT ASHFIELD.

A week ago his Eminence Cardinal Moran opened some very fine school buildings at Ashfield. The new schools are erected on the north side of the church of the Vincentian Fathers in Bland-street, and are designed in the classic renaissance style to harmonise and group in a fitting manner with the other church buildings.

The boys' schoolroom on the ground floor is 80ft long by 30ft wide and 18ft high, with a large platform at the east end. It is entered from the front by a spacious porch, and from the sides by three wide entrances. The walls are plastered with a cement dado, and the ceilings are of steel delicately picked out in art tints. A wide staircase on the east end leads to the girls' schoolroom, 80ft by 30ft, on the first floor, with open roof with special ventilators. The walls are plastered with a cement dado. The rooms are healthy, well lighted, and great attention has been paid to the ventilation.

The contractor was Mr. F. W. Fishburn, who carried out the work from the designs and under the supervision of Messrs. Sheerin and Hennessy, architects, of the City-chambers, 243 Pitt-street, Sydney.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Harbour Trust has decided to remove the waiting-rooms on the old Lane Cove ferry jetty at the foot of Erskine-street. Tenders are now called to purchase the building and remove the same.

The extensive grounds around the mansion which Mr. Harry Rickards is building at Darling Point are to be formed and laid out. The work consists of laying out the grounds, forming lawns, slopes, walks, etc, and the rearrangement of present drainage system for septic tanks, building glasshouse, sea wall, retaining walls, boundary walls, and other works. No expense will be spared by the architect, Mr. Clarence Backhouse, to give full effect to the undertaking.

In the office of Mr. R. J. Collins, architect, plans are being prepared for cottages at Coogee and Ashfield, for which tenders will shortly be called.

Under the supervision of Mr. Kenwood, architect, of Sydney, a friendly societies' hall is to be erected at Bulli. The plans have just been completed, and tenders are now called to carry out the work.

Running sheds are to be constructed at the Rockdale terminus of the Brighton-le-Sands to Rockdale tramway. Mr. W. Kenwood is the architect.

Plans have been prepared by Mr. Alfred Allen, architect, for extensive sea-walling, baths, boatshed, etc., at Rose Bay, for which tenders will be called this week.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.

During last week the following contracts were let:—

BY ARCHITECTS.

Woollahra.—Painting and repairs to five villas, Edgecliff-road and four villas, Trelawney-street. Messrs. Robertson and Marks, architects. Messrs. Alex. Dean and Sons, builders.

City.—Alterations and general repairs to shops and offices, Margaret-street. Mr. Thomas J. Darling, architect. Mr. Robert Fielding, contractor.

Lindfield.—Erection of a brick villa. Mr. A. Parsons, architect. Mr. A. Mackintosh, builder.

Stanmore.—Erection of a dwelling-house for Mr. Clissold. Mr. W. A. Rostron, architect, Lewisham. Mr. F. G. Roberts, builder.

Agricultural Grounds.—Erection of a new pavilion. Mr. Ramsay, architect. Mr. S. Walsh, builder. Additions to the dairy pavilion, under the same architect. Messrs. L. Shaw and Sons, builders.

Manly.—Erection of a residence. Mr. R. J. Collins, architect. Messrs. Burnett Bros., builders.

City.—Remodelling Lyndon-chambers, Phillip-street. Mr. R. J. Collins, architect. Mr. S. Walsh, builder.

Randwick.—Erection of a large villa residence. Mr. Alfred Allen, architect; Mr. H. Rudd, builder. Cost of work, £2000. Alteration to a cottage. Same architect; Mr. H. Mumford, builder.

Woollahra.—Erection of a villa residence. Mr. Alfred Allen, architect; Mr. A. Slingsby, builder. Cost of the work, £3100.

BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Road Works.—West Maitland to Kurri Kurri—Mr. John Madigan, Cessnock, £355. Kurri Kurri to Cessnock—Messrs. W. J. Mitchell and A. Cameron, Congewai, £236 8s. Casino to Mount Lindsay—Mr. Michael Moroney, Casino, £384. Casino to Mount Lindsay—Mr. T. Kennedy, Casino, £250 17s 5d. Wyong, via Jilliby and Mandalong to Morrisset—Mr. James Wellings, Morrisset, £204; West Maitland to Kurri Kurri, Messrs. J. Locock and T. Murphy, Cessnock, £927 1s 2d. Waratah to Minmi—Mr. M. Doherty, Charlestown, £244.

Bridge Works.—Construction of timber beam bridge over Bundanoon Creek, road Moss Vale to Meryla—Mr. G. E. Fraser, Bowral, £255 15s. Construction of timber beam bridge over Deep Creek, Martinsville Bridge, on road Cooranbong, Wattagan Mountain, road to Humphries' C.P.—Mr. James Wellings, Morrisset, £149 15s 10d. Construction of timber beam bridge over Cooloongolook River, road Bulladelah to Cooloongolook—Mr. Edward Gallaway, West Maitland, £291 17s 11d.

Government Architect's Works.—Painting and general repairs at the post and telegraph office, Croydon, —Mr. Daniel M'Donald, Summer Hill, £22. Repairs to buildings at rifle range, Randwick—Mr. Henry James, St. Peters, £54 18s. Erection and completion of caretaker's quarters and magazine at the Adamstown rifle range—Mr. Joseph Mitchell, Islington £252 19s 5d.

Miscellaneous Works.—Purchase of about 340 10gal oil drums, now lying at Smoky Cape lighthouse, and 550 10gal oil drums now lying at Point Perpendicular lighthouse. Messrs John O'Neill and Co., Sydney, at 3½d per drum.

BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Alfredtown, improvements—Messrs. Williams and Bruce, £10 2s 6d. Broadwater, painting, etc.—Mr. C. B. Smith, £162. Chellas, erection of a verandah—Mr. H. C. Stortenbeker, £11 15s. Canterbury, repairs—Mr. A. Groth, £32 17s 6d. George's Plains, erection of verandah—Mr. A. H. Chapman, £24 10s. Guildford, erection of new building—Mr. A. Thompson, £461 8s; Mosman, repairs to residence—Mr. C. Lloyd, £22 15s 6d. Milton, additions to residence—Mr. W. Riley, £288. North Creek, erection of new building, etc.—Mr. J. Ainsworth, jun., £375. St. Marys, painting, etc.—Mr. A. Groth, £59 7s 6d. Sobraon Workshops, supply of hoop pine—Messrs. Saxton and Binns. Woolla Woolla, roofing, etc.—Mr. G. E. Levick, £19 10s.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.

Yesterday tenders for the following works, etc., were opened by the Tender Board of the Department of Public Works:—

Erection of court house and lockup, Bateman's Bay, 18 tenders—Mr. W. J. Brown, £916, lowest. Additions to rifle range, Michelago, 3 tenders—Mr. Robert Hood, £80 10s, lowest. Painting and repairs post and telegraph office, Sutherland, 5 tenders—Mr. Thomas Grimsley, £19 10s, lowest. Leases of public watering places.—Toole's Creek tank, road Wagga Wagga to Kiandra—No tenders received. Seaville's tank, road Wilcannia to Hungerford, 4 tenders—To be reported on.

ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS

During last week the following additional contracts were announced in our business columns:—

BY ARCHITECTS.

Wahroonga.—Erection of a large cottage residence on the Lane Cove-road. Mr. Herbert S. Thompson, architect, 60 Castlereagh-street.

Darling Point.—Alterations and additions to Carthona, Darling Point. Mr. Clarence Backhouse, architect, 15 Hunter-street.

Bulli.—Erection of a Friendly Society's hall. Mr. W. Kenwood, architect, 335 George-street, Sydney. Plans also with Mr. Ritchie, Bulli.

Rockdale.—Erection of running sheds at the Rockdale tram terminus. Mr. W. Kenwood, architect.

Laying Out Grounds.—Forming the ground at Canonbury, for Mr. Harry Rickards. Mr. Clarence Backhouse, architect, 15 Hunter-street.

Mosman.—Erection of four villas, in The Avenue, Mosman. Tenders close to-day with Mr. Clarence Backhouse, architect.

Waverley.—Additions to a residence. Mr. Arthur F. Pritchard, architect, Macquarie-place.

Campbelltown.—Erection of a cottage residence. Mr. Frederick [illegible], architect.

Renovation Works.—Renovating a site in [illegible]

street, city. Tenders close on Thursday next with Messrs. Sheerin and Hennessy, architects.

Epping.—Erection of cottage residence. Mr. John B. Spencer, architect.

Retaining Walls.—Building retaining walls at Darling Point. Mr. James Peddle, architect, 13 Bond-street.

Waverley.—Erection of a cottage. Messrs. Hassall and Stockham, architects, 9 Castlereagh-street.

Woolstonecraft.—Erection of a residence. Messrs. Joseland and Vernon, architects, 9 Castlereagh-street. Tenders close 24th inst.

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

Leichhardt.—Erection of a brick shop and residence. Plans at 221 Elizabeth-street.

Belmore.—Excavating drains and filling holes, etc. Mr. Henry F. Halloran and Co., 94 Pitt-street.

Steamer Building.—Supply and fitting in of machinery in a double-ended screw boat for the Balmain Ferry Company. Tenders close 29th March with the secretary to the company.

City.—Reroofing four stores in Kent-street with iron. Messrs. Parkes and Harrison, 8 Castlereagh-street.

Bondi.—Pulling down shed and rebuilding same. Plans at new buildings, Penkivil-street, Bondi.

Agricultural Grounds.—Erection of five lines of wire. Mr. A. Randall, on the ground.

BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To close Monday, March 20:—

Bridge over Nullica Creek, road Eden to Towamba.

Erection of new admission blocks, Hospital for Insane, Gladesville.

Supply and delivery of sawn hardwood timber for stock.

Erection of police station, George's Creek.

Repairs, painting, etc, post and telegraph office, Singleton.

Supply of two jacketed coppers for the Hospital for Insane, Parramatta.

Painting and sundry repairs, post and telegraph office, Helensburgh.

General repairs and painting, post and telegraph office, Ultimo.

To close Monday, March 27:—

Wharf and approach at La Perouse, Botany Bay.

Bridge over Wilson's Creek at Lismore (Fawcett's Bridge).

Repairs to jetty at Byron Bay.

MUNICIPAL WORKS.

Marrickville.—Supply of kerbing, guttering, metal, and building material. Tenders close 20th inst with council clerk.

Willoughby.—Construction of a culvert and forming Malvern-avenue. Tenders close 15th inst with council clerk; also annual contracts close on same date.

City.—Purchase or lease of a metal quarry, or land upon which could be established a metal quarry. Tenders close March 28 with the town clerk.

Balmain.—Annual contracts and supplies. Tenders close to-day with the council clerk.

CENTENNIAL PARK LANDS.

EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS.

One of the final works of the late session of Parliament, it will be remembered, was to pass an Act enabling the sale of the Centennial Park lands. The Premier at once directed the construction of the roads and streets to be taken in hand, with a view to not only making the sale more successful, but at the same time profitably absorbing some of the surplus labour then on the market, and the Department of Public Works has ever since been engaged in grading and ballasting the carriage ways and levelling off the footpaths. Many difficulties inseparable from the employment of the class of labour referred to have been met with in the course of the work, notably those connected with the butty-gang system. In fact, so that completion might be made within a reasonable time, it became finally necessary to abandon that system and proceed by day labour, and the department is now able to say that it has performed its part in preparing the land for sale. Concurrently with the road-forming, the Lands Department has carried out a subdivision survey, and very complete plans have been issued for the information of prospective buyers.

In the preparation of the design considerable care was taken to protect the interests of not only those resident in the neighbourhood, but those who will be charged with the municipal administration, and delegates from the eastern suburbs municipal councils met and submitted recommendations which were of considerable assistance, both as to design and building conditions, which they thought should be imposed. Generally speaking, their recommendations have been adopted. The more valuable of the lands—those fronting Queen's Park and Centennial Park—have been cut up into allotments, with frontages of 40ft and 50ft, and depths of from 100ft to 200ft; while the remaining allotments have frontages of about 30ft, and depths varying from 120ft to 150ft. The building covenants require that all structures shall be mainly of brick or stone of a minimum value of from £625 to £500 on the park frontages, and £300 elsewhere. It is also provided that no hotels shall be built, nor shall there be dairies anywhere on the estate, and that fronting the parks there shall be no stores. Terrace building is also precluded. The first sale is announced for Saturday next, 18th inst, and the second will take place a week later. As there is a large number of lots to be disposed of, a balance sale will, it is expected, take place on a subsequent date.

NAVAL BRIGADE ANNUAL TRAINING.

Early yesterday morning the first detachment of the Naval Brigade, told off for the annual six days' sea training on board the gunboat Protector, mustered at the corps' headquarters, Rushcutter Bay. The roll was called over punctually at the appointed time, after which routine cards detailing the day's duties were issued to the men, and within five minutes of falling in a party was sent on board to coal ship, a task the men performed in a workmanlike manner. The rest of the men were engaged in various drills, including slinging hammocks, etc. At 12 o'clock dinner was served on board, the remainder of the afternoon being taken up in completing the taking in of stores of water, and general furbishing up, consequent on coaling operations, the men being afterwards told off to their messes, divisions, and quarters. It is expected that the Protector will proceed to sea early this morning, and will head for Jervis Bay for gun practice. When asked how the men shaped, Commander Brownlow, after expressing satisfaction, remarked, "This is not a pleasure trip, you know—13 hours' solid hard work; no 8-hour system on board." The detachment numbers 56. Commander Brownlow has with him Lieutenant Williams, Sub-Lieutenants Coggins and Barker, and Lieutenant Rickwood (staff instructor) will also accompany the ship. The gunboat is expected to return early on Saturday.

EDDY RAILWAY MEMORIAL FUND.

A meeting of railway and tramway employees was held in the Railway Institute on Friday evening in connection with the Eddy Railway Memorial Fund. Mr. T. Hall (president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. The chairman said that, although many difficulties had been met with, the funds had been conserved, and about £600 had been spent in relieving necessitous cases.

Mr. E. B. Taylor, who had occupied the position of secretary since the inception of the scheme, stated that the employees and the public had subscribed the sum of £2500. This amount had been doubled by the Government subsidy. The promoters of the fund had intended to build a home for the housing and care of the orphans. When the negotiations in regard to the disbursement of the fund had been concluded, by the authority of the Supreme Court three trustees were elected, and were given the power of investing the funds and crediting the interest to the board of management. The outside feeling seemed to be that there were too many officers on the board, and it was for the meeting to appoint an entirely new set.

During the term of the board, relief had been given to 27 orphan children, and it was shown that the trustees held, in invested funds, £4649 6s 1d, land to be sold £360, and cash in bank £29 18s 1d, making a total of £5039 4s 2d.

The following were elected as office-bearers:—President, Mr. J. T. Eagle; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Paull and E. Silcock; treasurer, Mr. P. Monjon; secretary, Mr. R. E. Medcalf; committee, Messrs. T. Simpson, T. F. Ryan, W. H. Williams, M. Shannon, W. S. Short, M. Sheridan, A. E. Blakey, E. Nyman, E. Warland, W. Ellison, M. Carroll, and P. Keane.

PILES FOR THIRTEEN YEARS.

PROMPTLY RELIEVED BY ZAM-BUK.

"For the past thirteen years," says Mr. J. Singleton, of John-street, Singleton, N.S.W., "I have been troubled with that terrible complaint, Piles. This complaint being hereditary in my family, I was always dubious as to whether I could get rid of it, although this did not prevent my trying dozens of so-called cures, but from which I gained next to no relief. I have often been forced to lay up with the terrible torture of the Piles, and was in time forced to the conclusion that there was no cure for me. Hearing of the wonderful results effected by Zam-Buk in cases of Piles, I decided to give it a trial, and it is with gratitude I tell you that the first application gave me instant relief, and continuing the treatment, the pain and inflammation entirely disappeared. It is many years since I have been so free from the Piles, and you have my heartfelt gratitude for the relief your wonderful Balm has afforded me." Zam-Buk, the great healer, is a speedy cure for Piles, Eczema, Boils, Running Sores, Sore Legs, Ringworm, Barcoo, etc. As an embrocation for Strained Muscles and Tendons, Zam-Buk, rubbed well into the parts affected, is unequalled. As a Household Balm for Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Pimples, Blackheads, Sore Throat, Rash, and Bites of Insects, Zam-Buk is invaluable. From all medicine vendors, 1s 6d or 3s 6d family size (containing nearly four times the quantity), or from Zam-Buk Co., 139 Pitt-street, Sydney. Send a penny stamp for FREE SAMPLE POT.—Advt.

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness. And at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

PONY STALLION AND SULKY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. G. Hansen to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Dark bay Pony Stallion, 13 hands, good goer, thoroughly quiet, for children to ride or drive; also an Exercise Sulky, in good order.

2 HORSES, BROUGHAM CAB, AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., 2 good stanch Harness Geldings, Square Brougham Cab (licensed), in splendid condition, and Harness.

6 HORSES, STAIRCASE OMNIBUS, AND HARNESS, Etc.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Flood to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., 6 useful Harness Horses, Yankee Staircase Omnibus (licensed), built by Elliott, in splendid order, and pair-horse set of Harness; also line of road from Paddington-street, Paddington, to Bridge-street, city.

STYLISH PONY, SPORTING SULKY LOT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. W. Patzick to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Black Pony Stallion, 4 yrs., 13 hands, by Vermont from racing pony Julia, broken to saddle and harness, has no vice, used to trams, Sporting Sulky (b.-m.), and Harness, equal to new.

USEFUL HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. G. Reid, Penshurst, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Black Mare, thoroughly stanch, suit a buggy or spring cart.

2 RELIABLE S. AND H. HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. Knox to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Creamy Gelding and Chestnut Mare, both thoroughly quiet in saddle and harness, trials given, used to town and trams.

UPSTANDING S. AND H. MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. S. D. Bricker to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay Mare, 16 hands, quiet in saddle and harness.

SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay Gelding, well-bred, broken to saddle and harness.

HIGH-CLASS HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. Warburton, to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Black Gelding, 7 yrs., 15.3, thoroughly reliable in harness, any trial, suit a buggy or brougham, or make a good horse for an undertaker.

WELL-BRED S. and H. MARE, FROM THE COUNTRY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. J. Craig, Parramatta, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Grey Mare, 6 years, 15.2, by Highlander, a good hack, splendid hunter, and very stylish in S. and D. Harness, and a good single leader.

FIRST-CLASS S. and H. HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay Gelding, 7 years, quiet in saddle and harness, suit cab or business cart.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Cleeve, Penrith, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Chestnut Pony, 6 years, 13.2, took 1st prize at Luddenham and Penrith shows as a saddle and harness pony; also Brown Pony, 5 years, 14.2, by Cambria (full pedigree at sale), broken to saddle, untried, worthy the attention of racing men.

TO SPORTING MEN, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, AND OTHERS.

IMPORTANT SALE OF HIGH-CLASS HORSES AND VEHICLES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. B. Byrnes to sell by auction, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 11 a.m., "Tommy S.," bay gelding, sulky and harness; "Toby B.," brown gelding, sulky and harness; Bay Gelding, by Huon Jun., sulky and harness; Chestnut Mare, by Era, sociable and harness; Chestnut Stallion, 3 years, by Souvenir, single-seated buggy and phaeton; also St. Bernard Dog, 2 years, a prizetaker.

HEAVY DRAUGHT GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay H.D. Gelding, stanch worker, ton trial, suit tipcart or heavy work.

PAIR HIGH-CLASS CARRIAGE HORSES, from GOULBURN.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Smidt, Bishopthorpe, Goulburn, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, at 11.30 a.m., Pair Bright Bay Carriage Geldings, with size and substance, black points, thoroughly broken to single and double harness, splendid movers, and in good condition. The above are the property of the Bishop of Goulburn, and are being sold solely on account of his having no further use for them. Now on view.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, at 2 P.M.

SIXTY HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above,

On account Mr. Robt. D. Wallace, Killarney, Ravensworth.

10 First-class Horses, comprising heavy and medium Draughts and upstanding light Harness Horses, principally 4 and 5 years old, described as good sorts.

On account Mr. T. Joyce, Erskine Park.

3 Saddle and Har. Horses and 1 good Pony, broken to saddle and harness.

On account Messrs. Bakewell Bros., St. Aubins, Scone.

20 Exceptionally good Heavy Draught Horses, all 5 years, broken to plough.

*** The above are described by Messrs. Bakewell as a high-class draft, all in splendid condition, and the best yarded at Camperdown for a considerable time past.

On account of Mr. Chas. Marshall.

12 Good Upstanding Horses, comprising 5 splendid Cobs, 14.2 to 14.3 high, by an imported English Cob Sire; the balance useful business cart horses, 4 to 6 years old, and all broken in.

On account Mr. E. Summons, Wallerawang.

15 High-class Horses, comprising a few good strong Buggy Horses, one splendid Hackney, a prize-taker at several shows, and carries a lady; the balance Upstanding Remounts and Butchers' and Bakers' Cart Horses, all in good condition, principally broken.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

SATURDAY NEXT, at 12 o'clock.

550 HEAD. HEAD, 550.

WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON will sell by auction as above, when they will offer the following, viz.:—

15 Newly-calved Cows, with calves at foot.
40 Springing Cows and Heifers.
15 Prime Paddock-fed Fat Cattle.
100 Choice Dairy Heifers, 9 to 12 months old, all from picked dairies in the Southern district, and described as a splendid lot.
30 Very Nice Heifers, 2 and 3 years old. Amongst them are 10 Shorthorns (reds and roans) of the noted Lee blood.
60 Superior Dairy Heifers, all young.
25 Picked Dairy Heifers, 1½ to 2½ years.
50 Steers, 9 months to 2½ years.
20 Store Cows.
50 Mixed Cattle, principally Steers and Heifers, and Store Cows.
125 Head, comprising 100 splendid Dairy Heifers, 1 year and 9 months to 2 years old; 25 Steers, the same age.
15 Bullocks, 2½ years old.

TRAIN leaves Sydney for St. Marys on morning of Sale at 10.15, returning at 3.42 and 6.17 p.m.

8 SPLENDID YOUNG HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN, WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, at 2.30 p.m.,

On account of Messrs. DEVOY and M'GRATH.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, have been instructed to sell as above,

4 Very Superior and Stylish COLTS, 4 yrs. old, big, upstanding, and in fine condition.

4 FILLIES, same breed and sorts.

This lot are suitable for Van, Military, or any Light Harness work.

AUCTION SALE, HORSES, VEHICLES, HARNESS. At 515½ George-st, between Bathurst and L'pool sts. NEXT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2.30.

H. D. ELLIOTT and CO. have received instructions from owners to sell, Without Reserve, 40 first-cl. new and s.-h. Vehicles, 8 Superior Sulkies, Sociables, Carryalls, Victorias, Phaetons, Dogcarts, Village, Pagnel, Hand Carts, Vans, Waggons, Horses, Harness.

H. D. ELLIOTT will sell as above. Tel., 2447.

BELMORE MONTHLY CATTLE SALE.

R. F. MURPHY and CO. will sell by auction on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th, at 2.30 o'clock, 120 HEAD OF MIXED CATTLE.

The above consist principally of choice Dairy Heifers, Yearlings, and upwards, some Springers. Also Dry and Store Cows, Steers, etc.

Train leaves Sydney 1.20, arrive 1.45.

DAMAGED CORNSACKS, ex WARORA.
On Account of Whom it May Concern.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., Ltd., will offer for SALE by public auction, with all faults, on 15th instant, at 11 a.m. sharp, at No. 5 Wharf, Woolloomooloo, 9 Bales Damaged Cornsacks, ex Warora. TERMS, CASH.

TO CLOTHIERS, STOREKEEPERS, DEALERS, and OTHERS, THIS DAY, Tuesday, at ½ past 10 o'clock. In an Assigned Estate. Men's Suits, Trousers, Overcoats, Shirts, Macintoshes, Boots, Shoes, Hosiery, Braces, Cutlery, Brushware, Ribbons, Laces, Leggings, Clocks, Concertinas, Picture and Photo. Frames, Writing Desks, large Mirror, Singer's latest Improved Sewing Machine.

H. LEVY has received imperative instructions to sell by auction, at 135 Regent-street, the above, all new goods, in trade lines. Totally Unreserved.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, 1905.

AT 11 O'CLOCK.

POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,

AT THE MART, 284 GEORGE-STREET.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE IMPORTERS.

150 CASES BARRACOUTA, each 4 doz., 1lb tall.
65 CASES MOIR'S FRESH HERRINGS, each 4 doz.
28 CASES MACONOCHIES' RED HERRINGS.
25 ½-barrels AMERICAN SALT SALMON.
22 CASES BAKING POWDER.
6 CASES DESICCATED COCOANUT
13 KEGS SALAD OIL.
60 CHESTS CEYLON BRO. OR. PEKOE.
2 HHDS. GOLDEN SYRUP.
50 CASES PRESERVED BEANS, EACH 100 tins.
20 CASES HOUSEHOLD SOAP.
73 CASES PUCK'S SOAP.
3 TONS HARDWHEAT FLOUR, 200lb.
3 CASES HEMP TWINES.

1 CASE CIGARS, "Flor de Pedro."

TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.

10 CASES BURKE'S LIGHT SPARKLING PALE ALE, EACH 8 DOZEN PINTS.

ALSO,

WITH ALL FAULTS, IF ANY,

40 Cases TUMBLERS, EACH 50 DOZEN

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY will SELL as above, WITHOUT RESERVE, at the MART, 284 GEORGE-STREET, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, at 11 o'clock.

AT KELSON'S CENTRAL SALEROOMS,

115 BATHURST-STREET,

THIS DAY, Tuesday, March 14th,

at 11 o'clock, and throughout the day.

SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS,

Removed to the Rooms for Convenience of Sale.

Three Upright Grand Pianos, by noted makers; splendid Assortment of Glass and E.P. Ware, Cutlery, Linen, Vases, Ornaments, Massive Bevelled Mirror Sideboards, solid Dining Extension Tables, Oak Dining Chairs, Austrian Chairs, Chenille Table Covers, Lace Curtains, Chenille Curtains, Cornice Poles; best quality Carpets, in Brussels, Axminster, and Tapestry; Leather Dining 9-piece Suite, Dinner and Tea Services, Cruets, etc.; Rattan Chairs, Handsome Drawing-room Suites in Tapestry and Plush; Drawing-room Occasional Chairs; Overmantels, in solid Walnut Frames, Black-and-Gilt and Gilt Frames; Cabinets, Whatnots, Music Stools, Jardinieres, 2 Marble Clocks, Bronze Figures, Rosewood Jardiniere Stands, Photo Frames and Plaques, Velvet Pile Carpets, Hearthrugs, Occas. Tables, Chenille Occas. Covers, 6 Rooms of A1 Linoleum, Bedroom Suites in various designs, M.T. Washstands, Dressing Tables, Bedroom Chairs, Carpet Strips and Mats, Blankets, Quilts and Sheets, Bedsteads in all sizes and designs; Wire Springs, Hair, and Kapok Mattresses; Mirrors, Sets Ware, Bedroom Carpet Squares, Mosquito Nets, Kitchen Dressers, plain and glass enclosed; Tables, Chairs, Tinware and Utensils, Crockery and Glassware, several Mangles and Washing Machines, Tubs, Buckets, Enamel Ware, Cash Register Till (in perfect order), Sausage Machine, Tailor's Ironing Stove and Irons, Tools etc.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER, is instructed to sell as above.

NEW ROOMS,

9 BARRACK-STREET.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, including NOBLE THREE-WING BEDROOM SUITE, DRAWING-ROOM, DINING-ROOM, HALL, LIBRARY, KITCHEN and LAUNDRY FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS. NO RESERVE.

*** Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing or further adding to their homes, should embrace this opportunity.

SYDNEY DAVIS, AUCTIONEER, 9 Barrack-street. Tel. 4298.

DARLINGHURST.

TO-MORROW, AT 11 A.M.,

at 91 BROUGHAM-STREET, DARLINGHURST, under instructions from Mrs. HEARS, The Whole of the FURNITURE and EFFECTS of a Two-story House, including: Table Appointments, Sideboard, Dining Table, Bedroom Suites, Bedsteads, etc. Drawing-room Suite, Comb. Chests, Washstands, Toilet Ware, Chairs, etc., Mangle, Kitchen Utensils.

SYDNEY DAVIS, AUCTIONEER, 9 BARRACK-STREET. TEL., 4298.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, the 14th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.

AT THE ROOMS, 556 GEORGE-STREET, opposite St. Andrew's Cathedral.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,

Under instructions from Trustees and on account of Whom it May Concern.

OPEN AND BULK STOCK of GROCERIES, OILMEN'S STORES, PROVISIONS, Etc.

CEYLON, CHINA, and KOOLOO TEAS, IN CHESTS, HALF-CHESTS, TINS, BOXES, AND PACKETS.

M. DE LISSA AND CO. will sell, as above.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, the 15th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.

AT THE ROOMS, 556 GEORGE-STREET, opposite St. Andrew's Cathedral.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, under instructions from the Importers.

30 Packages CHINA and EARTHENWARE, including 5 Casks White and Gold Paris Teas, and OPEN STOCK. White and Gold Plates, 6-inch. White Semi-Porcelain Plates, 5 to 10 inch. White Semi-Porcelain Meat Dishes, 10 to 16 inch. White Semi-Porcelain Cover Vegetable Dishes. China 40-piece Tea Sets, Yorke, Hawthorne, Empress, Spray, etc, etc.

IN LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

M. DE LISSA AND CO. will sell, the above.

MOTOR YACHT SPINDRIFT.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, at 1.30 p.m.

IMPORTANT AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT to GENTLEMEN REQUIRING MOTOR YACHTS.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION at WALTER BRADLEY'S SALE ROOMS, 324 GEORGE-STREET.

"SPINDRIFT."

A Motor Yacht, built in Sydney by Fisher in 1902, of Hardwood; Deck and top sides Kauri; water line, length 19.6, length overall 24; fitted with Union Oil Engine, 4 h.p., 8 cylinder, 8 stroke; speed about 6½ knots; metalled with pure Copper; Decked; and with Cabin to seat 8 people; Engine-room shut off from cabin; Glass Partitions; Fittings of Teak and Cedar; Brass Bollards and Fittings; furnished with Cushions, etc. Also, Side and Mast Head Lights, Stockless Anchor and Chain, Telescopic Paddles, Rowlocks, etc. Vessel registered at H.M. Customs. Tonnage, 5.5. The "Spindrift" requires no expenditure of any kind, and is being sold only on account of Mr. Waley having accepted a Tender for the Building of a larger Launch.

WALTER BRADLEY AND CO. have received instructions from FRED. WALEY, Esq., to conduct the Sale of his Motor Yacht, as above.

We are requested to state that the Spindrift is in perfect order, and has only been used by the owner to bring him to and from town.

The vessel can be inspected at her moorings. Orders to inspect can be obtained from the Auctioneers.

CONTINUATION SALE OF SUPERIOR HIGH-CLASS JEWELLERY, This Day, at 10.30 o'clock. On the Premises of the N. S. Wales Mont de Piete Deposit and Investment Company, 74 Castlereagh-street. Gold and Silver Keyless Chronographs, Levers, and Waltham Watches, Single-stone, Half-hoop, and Cluster Diamond Rings, Gold Alberts, Necklets, Links, and Solitaires, Diamond Bracelets, Brooches, Earrings, Studs, Lockets, Pins, etc, Dress, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from the N. S. WALES MONT DE PIETE D. and I. CO. to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, on the above premises, as above.

THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from the N. S. Wales Mont de Piete Deposit and Investment Company, of 74 Castlereagh-street, to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, The Whole of the Company's Unredeemed CLOTHING, comprising Gents.'s Dress and Walking Suits, Ladies' Boots, Shoes, Macintoshes, Dresses, Jackets, and Underclothing, Overcoats, etc.

UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

MR. J. P. LISTER will sell by public auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, the 17th of March, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. J. Selig, of King-street, Newtown, 1904.

August.—22nd, jacket; 29th, dress, 4 brushes, and scissors; 30th, coat and trousers, clock, and coat.
Sept.—20th, trousers and vest, 2 pr clippers; 27th, 2 dresses; 29th, jacket.
October.—1st, Gladstone bag, quilt, and cutlery, macintosh; 5th, sundries; 8th, macintosh, portmanteau and contents; 11th, blouse and slips; 13th, knicker suit; 14th, silk dress; 18th, suit; 21st, overcoat, tablecloth; 28th, picture; 29th, compass plane, silk dress, serge; 31st, tent and fly.
November.—3rd, violin; 5th, sundries, clock; 7th, nightgowns and robe; 15th, coat and vest; 16th, dress piece, 2 clarionets; 18th, 2 coats; 21st, saddler's tools; 25th, suit; 28th, skirt; 29th, dress stuff; 30th, 2 shirts and opera cloak.
December.—2nd, 2 iron planes; 3rd, suit. A large quantity of pledges at 5s and under; also the whole of the unsold Jewellery of last sale, consisting of Gold and Silver Watches, and Bangles, and Rings, Wedding Ring, Keepers, Brooches, Dia. and Gold Pins, etc.

MOSMAN.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M., at CARTHONA, ROYALIST AND BOYLE STREETS, MOSMAN (Cross over Footbridge, and Carthona is the first house on the left on the Crest of the Hill).

Under Instructions from MRS. O'DONNELL, In consequence of relinquishing housekeeping. The Whole of her SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.

VALUABLE LIPP PIANOFORTE, Full Upright Grand, in handsome Italian Walnut Case, possessing rare qualities of tone and touch. Nearly new; cost ninety guineas, and can be highly recommended, etc., etc., etc.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE have been favoured with instructions from Mrs. O'DONNELL to conduct the Important Sale by Auction, at her residence, as above. WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

*** ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

MOSMAN.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION. TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1905. AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

At the Residence, "THOLYNDA," CORNER OF EFFINGHAM-STREET AND MILITARY-ROAD, MOSMAN. Under instructions from ALBERT R. STAFFORD, ESQ., In consequence of his early departure for Europe. The whole of his HANDSOME MODERN FURNITURE and COSTLY HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.

VALUABLE BLUTHNER PIANOFORTE, Full Upright Grand, in handsome Italian Walnut Case. The Pianoforte has been in use a very short time, and is in perfect order, possessing rare qualities of tone, touch, and resonance.

SPECIAL NOTE.—"Tholynda" was furnished throughout in exquisite taste only twelve months ago by Messrs. David Jones and Co. and Farmer and Co. FULL PARTICULARS may be seen in last Saturday's Auction Columns of this journal.

*** ON VIEW THIS DAY, TUESDAY, from 10 o'clock a.m. till 5 p.m.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE have been favoured with instructions to conduct the important sale by auction, as above, WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT.

STANMORE.

To the Residents of Stanmore and Surrounding Districts, Ladies and Gentlemen about to Furnish, Musicians and others. IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, on THURSDAY NEXT, MARCH 16, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. PROMPT.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE LATE R. C. CLOSE, ESQ.,

At the Residence, STREYNCHAM, CAMBRIDGE-STREET, STANMORE (close to the Railway Station). A VERY CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS.

CONCERT GRAND PIANOFORTE, by ERARD, in highly finished Rosewood Case. *** This superb instrument should command the attention of the musical profession and ladies and gentlemen requiring a really high-class Pianoforte. ERARD PIANOFORTES are famed for their high quality of tone and great durability.

*** Mrs. ROBERT CAMPBELL CLOSE, before leaving for Europe, has stored a part of the Furniture, and has placed the VERY CONSIDERABLE BALANCE in the hands of the Auctioneers for Sale, WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

*** CATALOGUES will be posted on application, and may be obtained from the AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, near King-street.

*** ON VIEW TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, from 11 o'clock a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FINE ART AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, have been favoured with instructions from the Trustees of the late ROBERT CAMPBELL CLOSE, Esq., to conduct the important Sale by Auction, as above.

14 COLLEGE-ST, HYDE PARK.

IMPORTANT SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY, IN SEPARATE LOTS,

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY, 15th and 16th MARCH.

SPECIAL ATTENTION is directed to the Important SALE by PRIVATE TREATY, in SEPARATE LOTS, of the valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS at 14 College-street, Hyde Park, commencing TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, continuing THURSDAY, in consequence of the early departure of Mrs. RUSSELL for England.

***The whole of the modern ARTISTIC FURNITURE was made to Mrs. RUSSELL'S ORDER IN ENGLAND by Messrs. Shoolbred and Co., B. Cohen and Sons, and Maple and Co.

***MESSRS. LAWSON will be in attendance each sale day from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., to interview intending purchasers and effect sales.

***Catalogues may be obtained at the office of the Agents for the Vendor, 36 POST OFFICE-CHAMBERS, 114A PITT-STREET (ONLY).

H. AND A. LAWSON, AUCTIONEERS and PRIVATE TREATY SALESMEN, have been favoured with instructions from MRS. RUSSELL to conduct the important sale, as above. Tel., 1367.

WATSON'S BAY. TO-MORROW, 11 O'CLOCK, Salisbury-street, adjacent to Pier. Compulsory Unreserved Sale of a Splendid Collection of MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Proprietor Relinquishing Housekeeping. Upright Grand Ronisch PIANO, in Ebony Case. American Connoisseur ORGAN, 14 stops, knee swells, and Shutters. Walnut DINING-ROOM SUITE, in leather. Handsome DRAWING-ROOM SUITE and APPOINTMENTS, Beard, Watson's. Large Walnut OVERMANTEL, Bevl. Mirrors and Side Shelves. Walnut Sideboard, 7ft, bev. panels, Side Cupboards, Drawers, Cellarettes. Walnut Hall Stands and Chairs. Cedar BOOKCASES, with Escretoires. Singer's Sewing Machine, Drop-head, 6 drawers, cost 13 guineas, new. Brussels CARPETS and LINOS. Linen Press, Music Cabinet, TELESCOPE TABLE. LOUIS XIV. ROSEWOOD TABLE, choice article. 300 Vol. Bound Books, Dickens, Thackeray, Medical Works, Graphics and Magazines; Elegant Dresden China, Bevel Mirror, surrounded by Cupids and Candelabras, from Paris Exhibition; Porcelain and Majolica Vases, Marble Clocks, Platedware, Cutlery, Fancy Vases, Oil Paintings, Complete Furnishings of 4 Bedrooms, Hand-painted Screens, Easels and Pictures, Mosaic Tables, Office Chair, Ice Chest, Mangle, Dresser, and Garden Seat, General Culinary Utensils, together with a variety of Sundries.

L. PHILLIPS, Auctioneer, has been favoured with instructions to conduct this highly important Sale, absolutely Without Reserve. Terms, Cash. Open for inspection THIS DAY.

IMPERATIVE and UNRESERVED SALE. TO DEALERS, PRIVATE BUYERS, and OTHERS. THIS DAY, TUESDAY, at 11 A.M. on the Premises, 122 UNDERWOOD-STREET, PADDINGTON.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, as above, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Piano, Overmantels, Carpets, Sideboard, Draw. and Din. Room Suites, Linoleums, Mats, Axm. and Bam. Furniture, Cutlery, Crockery, 6 Bedsteads and Bedding, Cot, T. Glasses, Duchess Toilets, Comb. Chests, W. Stands and Ware, Dresser, Safes, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, etc, etc. NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH. EVERY LINE SUBMITTED MUST BE SOLD. Auctioneer's Offices: 243 Pitt-street. 'Phone, 2547.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE of the HAND-IN-HAND MERCERY and TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT, 172 KING-STREET, NEWTOWN (corner Watkin-st.) To STOREKEEPERS, TAILORS, HAWKERS, PUBLICANS, SMALL SHOPKEEPERS, DEALERS, PRIVATE BUYERS, and OTHERS. On THURSDAY (Next), the 16th, at 11 A.M. SHARP. On the Premises.

HYAM HAINS has received imperative instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, as above, the whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising 30 doz. SHIRTS (Ass.), Pyjamas, Flannels, Ties, UNDERSHIRTS and Pants, Towels, H'chiefs, Braces, Gloves, COLLARS, Mufflers, HATS, Caps, 30 MACINTOSHES, UMBRELLAS, Leggings, PERFUMERY, Studs, JEWELLERY, Vests, 100 prs. TROUSERS, 30 SUITS. Also, a large quantity of FIRST-CLASS TWEEDS, WORSTEDS, and COATINGS, GLADSTONE and BRIEF BAGS, STEEL TRUNKS, And a quantity of other ARTICLES too numerous to particularise. Also, FIRST-CLASS FITTINGS and OUTSIDE LAMPS. NO RESERVE. TERMS, CASH. N.B.—The SALE will commence at 11 a.m. sharp, and the goods MUST be cleared IMMEDIATELY after the sale. Auctioneer's Offices, 243 Pitt-st. 'Phone, 2547.

UNRESERVED SALE.

TO BAMBOO FURNISHERS, DEALERS, AND OTHERS

The STOCK-IN-TRADE of Mr. PAUL RISTAN, at Nos 171 and 133 DEVONSHIRE-STREET, near Elizabeth-street, consisting of TABLES, FLOWER STANDS, HALL STANDS, PERAMBULATORS, Overmantels, EASELS, etc., etc., FINISHED and UNFINISHED. Also Bamboo Spring Rollers, Screws, Nails, Timber, Benches, etc., etc.

J. E. GREEN and CO will sell by auction on the Premises, 131 and 133 Devonshire-street, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, at 11 o'clock, THE ABOVE. TERMS, CASH.

On VIEW THIS MORNING at 10 o'clock.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF SUMMER HILL, LEWISHAM, PETERSHAM, ASHFIELD, and the Various Suburbs.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 11 a.m., at MILDENVILLE, 84 OLD CANTERBURY-ROAD, between Edward and Abigail streets, SUMMER HILL—LEWISHAM. Handy both Stations.

By order of esteemed Proprietress, who is proceeding to England.

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Magnificent LIPP S. PIANOFORTE. SUITES of Dining, Drawing and Bed Rooms. CARPETS, LINOLEUMS, CURTAINS, ART CHINA WARE. Splendid SIDEBOARD, OVERMANTELS, ORNAMENTS. London-made Ash and Walnut BEDROOM SUITE. The complete Requisites of 6 Rooms, Entrance Hall, and Domestic Offices. Superb SEWING MACHINE (imported from London when on a recent visit).

Trade and Private Buyers will find this a Capital Opportunity. Inspect at 9.30 to 11 a.m.

MESSRS. STRONGMAN AND WATSON, Furniture and General Auctioneers, SALEROOMS AT BURWOOD STATION.

THURSDAY, 16th MARCH, at the CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET, at 11.30 a.m.

WITH ALL FAULTS.

Ex FREDERICK DER GROSSE. 355 BOXES HORSESHOE NAILS, Numbers 4 to 12.

Ex BUTESHIRE, WSF&Co. 2 CASES HAY FORKS.

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50 CASES MILNE'S HERRINGS in Tomato Sauce
3 BAGS COFFEE
3 AMERICAN DOORS
40 DOZEN E.P. JAM and SUGAR SPOONS.

29 CASES OLD TOM GIN.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., have received instructions to sell by auction the above.

GIGANTIC SALE. GIGANTIC SALE. FIRST-CLASS MACHINERY, 500 LOTS. BUILDING MATERIALS, STOVES, GAL. IRON. The Site Required for A. Hordern and Sons' MAMMOTH STORES. BY PUBLIC AUCTION. THIS DAY, TUESDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, Corner of Pitt and Goulburn streets, under instructions from Messrs. WATSON and CO., who are leaving the above address (and will continue their business at 393 Sussex-street), having decided to dispose of the large portion of their enormous stock by auction, Without Reserve, Including 8 H.P. PORTABLE ENGINE, by CLAYTON and SHUTTLEWORTH, can now be inspected working. NEW CORRUGATED CURVING MACHINE. 10,000ft H. WOOD, Joists, Plates, Bearers, Studs, Battens, 6 x 2½, 5 x 2½, 4 x 2, 3 x 2, 3 x 1. 10,000 Sawn Palings, 5 and 6 ft lengths. 200 Sheets Galvanised Iron, 5 to 9 ft length. 40 Box Frames, with Sashes, complete. 60 Panel Doors, new and second-hand, half glass doors, 7 x 3, 6.10 x 2.10, 6.8 x 2.8, 6.6 x 2.6. 30 Fuel and Gas Stoves, a grand lot. 2 Tons Cast Stove parts, Cast Iron Columns. Iron Shop Guard Rails, Baker's Oven Fittings. 300yds Tiles, Slate Nosings, Coppers, Cisterns. 50 tons plain Iron, about 10 gauge, Sash Weights, and Tons of Sundries.

A. BARNETT has received instructions to sell as above. THIS DAY, TUESDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP. WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO PARTIES FURNISHING, FURNITURE DEALERS, THE TRADE, AND OTHERS. IMPORTANT SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, at 11 O'CLOCK, on the Premises, CHESTER LODGE, No. 73 PARRAMATTA-ROAD, CAMPERDOWN. Under instructions from W. H. PUDDICOMBE, Esq. SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, including E.P. Ware, China, Glassware, Cutlery, Solid Walnut Dining Room Suite, 9 pieces, upholstered in Morocco, with pair Divan Chairs. HANDSOME CEDAR BOOKCASE. Cedar Sideboard, size 5ft, in fine order. 7ft x 3ft 6in Cedar Dining Table. Mahogany Escritoire Desk, Cedar Dinner Waggon, Linoleums of A1 quality, planned to room. Handsome Upright Grand PIANOFORTE, in Walnut case, THE MIGNON. This superb instrument is almost new, and cost 60 guineas. Walnut Drawing Room, 9 pieces, richly upholstered in Silk Tapestry and Plush. Occasional Chairs, Tables, Whatnots, Carpets.

These are the complete furnishings of 8 Bedrooms, including Suites in Cedar and Kauri Pine, heavy brass-mounted Double and Single Bedsteads, best wire and horsehair Mattresses, Bed Linen, Sheets, Blankets, 4 lovely Chests of 7 drawers each, in cedar, pairs of Toilets, and Glasses, sets of Toilet Ware, Couches, and Easy Chairs, Kitchen Dressers, Safe, Kitchen Utensils, and hosts of sundries.

A. BARNETT has received instructions to sell as above. WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, WM. MITCHELL and SON will sell, at their Rooms, Bishop-street, Burwood, Household Furniture and Effects, comprising Bedsteads, Double and Single, Suite of Furniture, Sideboards, Safes, Dressers, Chest of Drawers, etc.; also, Pony, Sulky, and Harness, a good lot; etc.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON will sell, THIS DAY, at 10, at 11 Shepherd-street, Redfern, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, Bedsteads, Chest Drawers, Aust. Chairs, Glassware, etc.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON will sell, THIS DAY, at 11, at 15 Forbes-st, Darlington, Furniture, etc.

THIS DAY, AT 11.30 at 121 and 123 Erskineville-road, Erskineville, SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS. B.M. Bedsteads, Kapoc Bedding, Single and Double Combinations, Toilets, Chests Drawers, Couches, Oleographs, Music Canterbury, Ornaments, Linos., etc. MITCHELL and CRANSTON will sell. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 2.30 sharp, at Silver-street, Marrickville, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS. Pianoforte by Bord, Bedsteads, Chests Drawers, Couches, Toilet Ware, Tables, etc., etc., etc. MITCHELL and CRANSTON will sell.

TO GROCERS, PROVISION MERCHANTS, AND BROKERS. TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), AT 11 A.M., at 238 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, cr. Raglan-street, GROCERIES, GROCERIES. The whole of the large and well-selected STOCK of FAMILY GROCER. Full Catalogue TO-MORROW'S "Herald."

MITCHELL and CRANSTON, under owner's instructions, will sell, ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30, MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at No. 170 George-street West, a large quantity of New and Second-hand Clothing (men's, women's, and children's); also Boots, Drapery, Bedclothing, Furniture, etc. NO RESERVE.

NEWTOWN.

LAURA-STREET, ADJOINING PUBLIC SCHOOL. EXCELLENT INVESTMENT PROPERTY.

Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, Laura-street, TERRACE OF 4 Well-built BRICK COTTAGES, tiled roof, each contains 3 rooms, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, laundry, fixed tubs, and copper. Land 66 x 200. Title Torrens.

RETURNS £119 10s PER ANNUM.

HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at THEIR SALEROOMS, 283 GEORGE-STREET, on THURSDAY, 16th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m., THE ABOVE INVESTMENT PROPERTY.

LONGUEVILLE.

ABSOLUTE WATER FRONTAGE. CHOICE BUILDING SITE, in NORFOLK-ROAD, Second Lot from MARY-STREET. Only 3 minutes from a wharf, where it is anticipated steamers will call regularly. 66 x 281. Torrens Title.

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PYMBLE.

BANNOCKBURN-ROAD, ½ MILE FROM STATION.

FOR POSITIVE SALE. COMPACT ORCHARD PROPERTY. Land in area 9½ acres, 6 acres being ORCHARD, balance Garden and Paddocks. W.B. COTTAGE (lined), 6 rooms, bathroom, 2 kitchens, stables, large shed, and man's house of 2 rooms; Fowlhouses and Runs. Plenty of Water.

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CHATSWOOD.

FOR POSITIVE SALE. GRAND RESIDENTIAL BLOCK. SPLENDID CORNER. EASTERLY ASPECT. Corner of JOHNSON and ROBINSON STREETS, adjacent to Residence of A. W. E. FLINT, Esq. Size of Land, 100 x 200. Torrens Title.

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CHATSWOOD.—SPLENDID BUSINESS CORNER (3 frontages), RIGHT AT STATION. Land has frontage of 51ft to ALBERT-AVENUE, depth 147ft along ORCHARD-ROAD and DALTON-STREET. On it is a W.B. SHOP and COTTAGE, of 4 ROOMS. Stabling, Shed, Gas, Water, and Sewer.

HUGH DUFF and CO. will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their SALEROOMS, 283 George-street, on THURSDAY, 16th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.

CHATSWOOD.

THOMAS-STREET, Right at the STATION.

BRAXTON.

ATTRACTIVE BRICK COTTAGE RESIDENCE, tiled roof and Verandah, and contains WIDE ENTRANCE HALL, DRAWING-ROOM (22 x 15, ex. bay), Dining-room (20 x 15), 3 Bedrooms, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, laundry. The Cottage is well-finished throughout, WALNUT MANTELS, Cedar Fittings, and Rich Cornices. CONNECTED WITH GAS, WATER, AND SEWER. Land has frontage of 104 feet to THOMAS-STREET, depth 118ft, along 20ft. lane, width at back 62ft, to 20ft. lane, nicely laid out with pretty garden, lawn, etc.

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PYMBLE.

HANDY TO RAILWAY STATION. EXCELLENT RESIDENTIAL SITE. ONE ACRE, Fronting Road off STONY CREEK-ROAD, and adjacent to Residence of Mrs. M'Cathie and E. Brown, Esq.

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ORDER OF SALE [illegible] SUBURBAN AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES [illegible] SOLD, By BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd., at the Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, at 11.30 [illegible]

SHARES, CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE [illegible]. 5 SHARES, AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY. PYRMONT.—CAPITAL FREEHOLD BLOCK, CHURCH-STREET, good depth, [illegible] and rear, off Harris-street. ANNANDALE.—SPLENDID INVESTMENT, three Pairs of Semi-detached Cottages, Shop, corner of ANNANDALE and [illegible] STREETS, rentals £254 16s p.a. FIVE DOCK.—GRAND SUBDIVISION BLOCK, 11 acres 4 per., GREAT NORTHERN [illegible] and BARNSTAPLE ROADS. WARRAWEE.—GLENISLA, a picturesque Villa, [illegible] INGS and CHERRY STREETS, 7 rooms, every convenience, land 1 acre [illegible] perches, 3 minutes of the station. CAMPERDOWN.—CAPITAL BUILDING PLOT, BURTON-STREET, depth [illegible] CHURCH-STREET. MARRICKVILLE.—BROADHEATH LODGE, [illegible] TON-ROAD and CARRY-STREET, near Tempe station. ASHFIELD HEIGHTS.—INVERAN, Victoria-street, rooms, 1 acre 1 rood 25 perches, arranged grounds. BURRADOO.—ABERGELDIE, a country Home, rooms, stabling, etc, land 14 acres, improved, 10 minutes of station. MITTAGONG.—ROWE'S HILL.—SPLENDID FARM, acres, 2 miles from station. FURTHER PARTICULARS can be obtained from the Auctioneers. BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Limited.

ORDER OF SALE FOR SHARES AND SUNDRY PROPERTIES to be OFFERED by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the ROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.

SHARES.—CIVIL SERVICE CO.-OP. SOCIETY. CITY.—Nos. 683 to 689 George-street, Haymarket, occupying a splendid site for the erection of new premises (Macdonald Estate). ULTIMO.—Land, fronting Ultimo-street and [illegible] street, off Bay-street (Macdonald Estate). STANMORE.—Cottage, known as Pennsylvania, [illegible] ing Lincoln-street. MOUNT WILSON.—Mountain Residence, known as Yengo, with over 30 acres of land. ST. PETERS.—2 Semi-detached Houses, fronting [illegible] erick-street. LEICHHARDT.—Allotment, fronting Upward-street. WAVERLEY.—Land, Barclay-street. COOGEE.—Good corner Block, Battery and [illegible] streets. CROYDON.—Building Site, Etonville-parade. GRANVILLE.—Land, fronting William, [illegible] and Illalong streets. GRANVILLE.—Land, Victoria-street. FAIRFIELD.—Land, Linda and Vernon streets. RIVERSTONE.—Land, Grainger-street. HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

FAIRFIELD.

IMMEDIATELY at the RAILWAY STATION and [illegible] SITE FAIRFIELD HOUSE and GROUNDS.

SUBDIVISION SALE of that LEVEL BLOCK of LAND known as DALE'S PADDOCK,

½ Acre and ¼ Acre Building Sites, in a HEALTHY and CONVENIENT DISTRICT. Terms of Sale: 10 per cent. deposit, balance [illegible] ing over 5 years at 5 per cent. Torrens Title. Lithos. ready in a few days. Auction Sale, on the Ground, 3 o'clock, SATURDAY, 8th APRIL.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, [illegible]

BAILIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE.—In the [illegible] Court of the Metropolitan District, holden at [illegible] ney.—No. of Plaint, 79 of 1905. No. of Warrant, [illegible] 1905.—JOHN FRANCIS HAWTHORNE, Plaintiff, JOHN JOSEPH CROCKETT, Junior, Defendant.—Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1905, at [illegible] o'clock, in the forenoon, pursuant to a warrant of execution, issued in this action, unless the same be previously satisfied, all the right, title, and interest (if any) of the abovenamed defendant in and to all the goods and chattels on the premises occupied by the defendant, known as the Stables, off Norton-street, Leichhardt, and comprised in a Bill of Sale, registered number 29,858, and dated 30th January, 1904, given by the defendant and his wife, ADA HANNAH CROCKETT, to PHILLIP GOSELING and his wife, ANN GOSELING, to secure payment to the said Phillip Goseling and Ann Goseling of £100 and further advances, by instalments, will be sold by Public Auction, at the Court-house Gates, King and Macquarie streets, Sydney. Terms cash. No cheques taken. Dated this [illegible] day of March, 1905. ARTHUR T. D'ARCY IRVINE, Chief Bailiff.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, AT 11 A.M., at VOLTA, HIGH-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, DRAWING, DINING, and BED ROOM, including PIANOFORTE by [illegible] Suites, Hall Stand, Bookcase, Sewing Machine, Mangle, Sideboard, Bedroom and Kitchen Furniture, Cornices, Blinds, etc., and complete Furnishings of [illegible] roomed House.

E. M. CLARK will Sell by Auction as above.

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TWELVE Iron Frame PIANOS for immediate disposal, various good makers, some nearly new, offered cheap; intending purchasers would do well to call and see them. TERRILL and CO., 160-164 George-street West.

A NEW German PIANO, £1 deposit, cash price [illegible] Terrill, 160 George-st West.

TO ORGANISTS.—60-guinea Cornish ORGAN, [illegible] Terrill, 160 George-st West.

TO CLUBS.—A Short Grand PIANO, by Broadwood, Terrill, 160 George-st West.

SPLENDID Iron Frame German PIANO, good as new, good opportunity for anyone requiring a good s.h. piano; sickness in house; must sell to-day, cheap. 20 Rainford-street, Surry Hills.

NEW German Iron Frame PIANOS, just landed, Bremen, at Gordon's, 40 Flinders-st, nr. Oxford-st.

ELEGANT PIANOS, £10, £12, £15, and £18, great bargains in Sydney. Gordon's, 40 Flinders-st.

GENUINE Hoffman Pianos, quite new, £[illegible], value, fully guaranteed. Gordon's, 40 Flinders-st.

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THRO. Death, Executor offers valuable £[illegible] Piano (quite new) for £45. Executor, Herald Branch.

WANTED, second-hand PIANO, any condition, Maker's name, price, to Anxious, Herald, King-st.

WANTED, at once, several second-hand PIANOS, Maker's name, lowest price, cash, to Box 152.

WANTED, a good second-hand PIANO for country hotel; Lipp, Ronisch, Bluthner, Schwechten, [illegible] Standard make pref. State price wanted and make to W. M., Commercial Hotel, Kingsford.

PIANO wanted for little boy learning on, [illegible] Bord or Aucher Freres pref. Baker, Held, [illegible]

SECOND-HAND PIANO req. for boarding-house, dealers. Price, etc., Miss Treat, Hrld., [illegible]

ANGELUS, good order, with about 40 Rolls Music, £35 lot, cash. Departing, Herald [illegible]

RONISCH or ERARD PIANO wanted. State price, etc., to S. D., Herald Office.

RONISCH PIANO, almost new for Sale, cheap, would accept terms. Apply Piano, Herald, King-st.

ABSOLUTE SALE.—Broad New Upright Walnut PIANO, gen. barg. 50 Underwood-st, Paddington.

PIANOS, £9, £12, Iron Frame £15; Organs, [illegible] greatest barg. in Syd. Powell, 57 Flinders-st.

A GEN. G. Medal Erard Piano, trichord, [illegible] etc., ebon. case, cheap. 166 King-st, Newtown.

NICE PIANO, good condition, good tone, no dealers, bargain. W. S. Smith, 48 Commodore-st, [illegible]

MAGNIFICENT brand new Walnut Iron Frame PIANO, Lipp system, £33. 69 Johnston-st, Annandale.

PIANO, handsome Walnut Case, good order, £5. 46 Old Parramatta-rd, Forest Lodge.

PIANO, handsome case, good tone, thor. order, 12s, must sell, 175 Devonshire-st, near railway.

CALLS AND DIVIDENDS ON SHARES.

NEW WYLIE CREEK TIN-DREDGING COMPANY, No Liability.—Notice is hereby given that the [illegible] Dividend of 3d per share has been declared, payable 23rd March instant. Transfer books will be closed from the 18th to 23rd March inclusive. R. N. KIRK, Manager.

[illegible] specially fed, Bacon perfectly cured, [illegible] FOY'S "Pineapple" Bacon and Hams.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Monday Evening.

A lack of buoyancy prevailed in the Stock and Share market. Bank of New South Wales shares were quitted at the old price of 42¼ and Colonial Sugar at 39¾. Newcastle and Hunter River Steam and Hetton Coal were also dealt in at unchanged figures. Australian Gas were a shade easier at 16¾.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—Forenoon: Bank of New South Wales, 42¼; Australian Gaslight, 16¾. Noon. Newcastle and Hunter River Steam, 19s 9d; Hetton Coal, 50s 6d; Colonial Sugar Refining, 39¾.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£					p.c.
STOCK &c. N.S.W. F.S. Act of 1892	2,549,350	...	...	4	101½	99½	...	4
Do. Act 1873	890,189	...	...	4	101½	100	...	4
Do. 1907	850,000	...	...	4	99¾	99	...	...
Do. 1909	...	...	...	3	87 12/6	80	83	3½
Do. 1912	4,006,702	...	...	3½	90	90	...	4
Do. 1912	1,250,175	...	...	4	106	...	...	4
Do. deb. 1908	...	...	...	4	99½	...	...	...
Do. do., 1909	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Do. F.S. 1925	222,225	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. T. Bills, 1905	1,000,000	...	...	4½	99	...	...	4½
Do. T. Bills, 1906	1,149,700	...	...	3½	99	98	...	...
Do. 1907	200,000	...	...	4	99½	99	...	4½
Do. deb. 1902	300,000	...	...	5	100	...	...	...
N.Z.Ac. 1913	300,000	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Queens. Tre. Bills, 1912	500,000	...	...	4	...	99½	...	...
W.A. Inscr.	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Col. Sugar D., 1914	...	...	...	4	103½	104	...	4½
City Sydney Deb.	200,000	...	...	4	100	99	...	4
Do., 1908	100,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	4
Australian Gas Deb.	800,000	...	...	4	99½	99	101	4
BANKS. Aust. J.S.	154,508	8½	1	...	...	...	...	...
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	12	90	...	...	5½
City	240,000	10	5	2½	...	...	67/	...
New Issue	160,000	10	5	2½	61/	...	56/	8½
Commercial of Aust.	94,882	10	10	...	2/9	3/9	...	...
Ditto, pref.	2,117,290	10	10	3	45/1/	9s/	...	6
Com. Syd.	1,050,000	25	12½	10	27	26¾	...	4½
E. of Aus.	1,192,440	8	5	3½	60/	—	...	5½
Ditto, pref.	995,780	10	10	5	...	...	...	...
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	42½	42½	42½	5
New Zealand	427,318	6¼	3½	5	99/	5¾	6	3½
N. Qu'ns'land	100,000	2	2	2½	13/	12/	...	7¾
Q'land Nat.	413,062	5	5	...	5/	4/9	...	...
Royal of Q.	457,466	9	4½	3½	...	...	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	...	10	46½	46¼	47	5¾
DEPOSITS. A.J.S. Bk.— Class A	...	...	...	3	18/4½	19/	19/6	3½
Class B	...	...	...	3	13/	12/10	13/1½	4½
Do. Insb.	798,635	...	...	3½	10/6	10/7½	11/3	6¾
Bk. of Aus. A. ... 1896	687,579	...	...	3½	19/3	19/	...	3½
Do. Assets	2,234,959	...	...	3	13/3	13/	...	4½
E.S.A. Ins. pref.	289,418	...	...	3	12/	11/6	...	5
Do. def.	817,477	...	...	4½	15/6	15/9	...	5
Do. Deb.	988,547	...	...	4	16	15/9	...	5
Q'land Nat.	8,116,641	...	...	5½	13/7½	13/6	...	5½
STEAM. Adm. Ferry	16,400	1	1	7½	...	25/6	26/6	...
Illawarra	49,787	1	15/	...	19/	18/9	20/	...
How'd Smith 20 paid	250,000	20	20/	16/	18/	...	...	8½
Do., 5s paid	250,000	20	5/	5	...	...	...	...
Ditto, pref.	100,000	1	1	6	19/9	19/6	20/	6
Newcastle	137,250	1	17/6	8	21/10½	20/8	20/10½	6¾
North Coast	140,000	1	1	10	53/6	52/6	...	5¾
Fed. Ferries	25,000	50	25	8	32/6	32/6	...	6¾
Pt. Jackson	6,745	1	1	4	...	...	21/	...
INSUR'NC. A.M. Fire	62,500	1	12/6	14½	40/	39/	40/3	4½
Mer. Mut.	37,300	1	5/	14	15/3	15/3	15/7	4¾
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2	15	94/6	...	...	6½
N. Q'land	30,000	1	10	8	13/	...	...	...
United	60,275	10	2½	12½	5/3/	5	5/4/	6½
Ditto new	...	10	2½/	12	62/	58/	62/	5
COAL. Bellambi	175,000	1	1	15	...	...	80/	...
East Greta	121,338	1	1	10	24/6	24/	24/6	8½
Ned's Greta	42,889	1	1	6	...	...	...	...
Hetton	199,663	3	5	6	50/6	50/	51/	12
Newcastle	189,600	11	10	+5	7	6/18/	7¼	7¾
Stockton	95,631	1	1	4	4/	...	4/	...
New Y.d'Cool	...	...	16/	4	...	9d	1/6	...
Wallsend	80,000	1	1	5	...	...	29/	...
Wallsend	40,000	10	4	+10/	...	25	26½	...
Wambo	...	...	...	1/	...	6/	6/	...
Wickham & Bullock I.	102,097	1	1	...	2/6	1/3	2/	...
Ray	...	1	13	...	...	...	...	...
Federal	...	1	20/	...	...	...	9/6	...
GAS. Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	29/3	...	29/6	6½
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	16¾	16½	16¾	5
C. Towers	20,000	10	10	1	14/9	...	...	...
Goulburn	70,000	1	1	15	51/	...	...	5½
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	27/6	...	...	5¾
P'land Gas	16,500	5	5	7	...	...	...	...
Manly	30,000	1	1	8	28/	...	...	...
Ditto New	2,000	1	10/	8	13/6	...	...	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	18/9	18/6	...	7½
Newcastle	29,260	2	2	15	6¼	5¾	...	5
N. Shore	125,000	1	1	7	34/6	34/	...	4
Ditto New	12,500	1	10/	7	21/	21/	...	...
BR'W'RIES. Austr'an. C. and Wood	45,000	10	10/	5	2/	...	...	...
Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	9/	9/3	10/	8
Perkins'	100,000	15	15/	...	28/	28/6	...	8
Tooheys'	550,000	1	1	4	12/3	12/	12/4½	5½
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	5	28/	28/	28/3	5¾
MISCELL'S. Aaron	17,500	15	10/	...	8/	2/6	3/	...
Aust. News	40,000	1	1	...	7/	7/	...	...
B.H.W. Sup.	285,000	1	1	5	18/	19/	20/6	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	30/	29/	30/6	6
New Issue	25,000	1	10/	8	15/	14/	...	6
Col. Sugar	2,000,200	20	20	10	39½	39½	39¾	5
Dalgety&Co.	1,000,000	20	5	5	92/	...	100/	5½
Dunlop Pn. Tyre, pref.	60,000	1	1	7	20/	19/	20/6	7
Bur R. Hall	...	...	...	...	1/3	1/	...	...
Bros & Pran. Gravel	27,200	1	16/	7	7/6	7/6	8/9	14
Mt. Co.	21,000	1	15/	7½	16/	11/	...	10
Mtl. Trans.	600,000	1	10/	12½	...	22/3	23/	5½
N. de Fonds	74,408	1	1	10	37/6	36/6	...	5½
Mort's Dock	200,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Ditto pref.	45,301	1	1	8	17/9	...	18/3	...
F. Ind. Inv.	97,780	12	10/	6	9/	8/9	9/3	6½
Shaleand Oil	80,000	1	17/	...	1/6	...	6d	...
New York Ins.	15,000	1	1	10	...	...	...	...
Perm. Trust.	25,000	5	2/6	8	4/	3/10	4/2	5
Perp. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	10	10/3	9/9	10/3	5
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	11/	10/6	...	9
Sly. Ham.	197,800	1	1	20	61/	61/	...	6½
Syd. Inde.	30,000	10	10	6	12	11½	...	5
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	30/6	30/	...	6½
Ditto	37,500	1	10/	10	14/9	15/	...	6
Ditto Hyd. & O.E.	15,000	1	10/	10	14/6	13/6	...	7
Va. Land Or.	...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
Hall's Man. Ammo.	22,000	1	20/	5	...	...	...	...
Manly Water Chute	...	...	...	...	4/	...	5/6	...
W. H. Soul Patt. & Co.	120,000	1	1	10	31/	30/	31/6	6½
LAND&BD. Harris Dep.	...	...	...	...	9/3	9/	...	...
Haymark. D.	...	...	...	...	19/	19/	...	...
Do. Shares	...	...	...	...	...	16/6	...	...
Ind. Prov.	45,530	20	...	...	...	...	...	5¼
Intern. Inv.	37,787	1	15/	9	29/	...	20/6	...
Perm. B. & I.	...	...	...	6	20/	19/	20/6	...
Syd. Free. L.	18,750	7/6	7/6	...	2/6	...	...	...
Syd. Ac. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

*When dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly div. †Per share. ‡Australian Gas, new, x rights, not call, paid, buyer 8¼.

Some satisfaction was expressed in commercial circles to-day that in one respect at least the mail service has undergone some slight modification in the direction of reform. Under pre-existing circumstances the double mail delivered to-day would not have been available till to-morrow. It has been the custom when an English mailboat arrived at Port Adelaide on a Saturday to send the mails on by special train to Melbourne, thus ensuring a delivery first thing on Monday morning in the southern capital. The Sydney mails were, however, kept till Monday in Melbourne, and did not arrive here till time for delivery on Tuesday. The attention of the Postmaster-General was directed to this unsatisfactory state of things by the Chamber of Commerce, and this week, for the first time, a special train hastened the delivery of the Sydney letters, thus ensuring what is practically a simultaneous delivery in Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney. The president of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. George Wall, wrote to-day thanking the Postmaster-General on behalf of the commercial community for the improvement.

As the weeks go on, and the altered condition of the mail service comes to be more fully realised, difficulty seems to be added to difficulty. One leading merchant the other day received a lengthy cable message in code. When he set about interpreting the cabalistic signs he discovered that he had not received the monthly key owing to the mails being a week late. Whether he was being instructed to buy or to sell he could not tell, and it is only now that his key has at length arrived that he is unravelling the mystery of how much money he has lost.

English merchants have not been slow to accommodate themselves to the altered circumstances of an irregular mail service. The old system of consignees' letters has been reverted to. Of late importers have been surprised to find these consignees' letters delivered over their counters, not by postmen but by messengers from the agents of the vessels. These letters contain the bills of lading and other necessary documents. Under the old system there were four bills of lading—one for the ship's master, one for the ship's agent, one to remain with the skipper, and the fourth for the consignees' letter. This is decidedly a backward step, but one that has been rendered necessary through the irregular mail service.

The official immigration and emigration statistics for the Commonwealth for 1904, compiled by the New South Wales Statist's Department, show that from excess of arrivals over departures Australia gained but 1389 in population last year. From the return here appended it is possible to see at a glance where the gains and losses lie:—

	Arrivals from	Departures to	Gain or loss.
United Kingdom	9,811	9,848	−37
Canada	655	1,169	−514
Cape Colony	2,829	1,025	+1,804
Fiji	592	781	−189
Hongkong	1,356	1,902	−546
India and Ceylon	668	872	−204
Natal	338	1,346	−1,008
New Guinea	830	509	+231
New Zealand	18,555	18,652	−97
Norfolk Island	50	31	+19
Straits Settlements	1,122	1,020	+102
Other British Possessions	1,001	340	+661
Total British Possessions	37,807	37,585	+222
France	2,350	1,765	+585
Germany	821	648	+173
Italy	1,427	1,018	+409
Spain	—	5	−5
New Caledonia	1,578	982	+596
S.S. Islands	569	890	−321
China	8	31	−23
Japan	256	172	+84
United States	892	1,514	−622
Other foreign countries	628	337	+291
Total foreign countries	8,529	7,362	−1,167
Total all countries	46,336	44,947	+1,389

The Belmore Meat Extract and Packing Company, Limited, has been registered with a capital of £12,000 in 12,000 shares of £1 each to acquire the machinery plant, etc., of the Sydney Extract of Meat Company, and certain property leased from the Young Butter Factory Syndicate, Limited, with the option of purchase.

Some interest was taken by merchants, especially by those doing business with Europe, in the discussion between the French Consul-General and Mr. Coghlan on the tariffs of the two countries. It was pointed out that Mr. Coghlan was in error in stating that the duty on perfumed spirits was only 14s per gallon under the Federal tariff. It is actually 25s per gallon, and 2d per dozen added for the bottles, and as reputed quantities have to pay duty as full imperial measures, 33 1-3 per cent. may be added to the listed ad valorem rate. In the case of hats, too, the duty is not 20 per cent., as stated, but 20 per cent. to 30 per cent., the higher rate being charged on ladies' felt trimmed. The position is thus somewhat less favourable to Australia than Mr. Coghlan's statement might suggest.

The forty-second annual report of the British and Foreign Marine Insurance Company, Limited, shows that the underwriting account for 1903, now closed, resulted in a profit of £44,309. The interest account for 1904 was £53,174. The combined accounts totalled £97,483, which, with the balance of £102,402 brought forward, left a credit to profit and loss account of £199,835. Of this sum £50,000 was transferred to reserve, which now stands at £900,000. After a dividend of 20 per cent. had been provided for, £92,589 was carried forward. The premiums amounted to £386,668, and the claims settled to £187,072, leaving a net balance of £213,661 at credit of the underwriting account.

BREADSTUFFS.

The market to-day was unchanged, and very little business was transacted. Holders are still firm in their resolve not to sell at present figures. Shippers are offering 3s 4d to 3s 4½d for f.a.q. to prime, and a few choice milling lines sold at 3s 5d. Flour was steady at £8 to £8 5s.

At Darling Harbour to-day 1344 tons of wheat and 347 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

The Collector of Customs reports that for the week ended March 11 the imports of wheat at the port of Sydney were nil, and the exports 253,488 bushels. The imports of flour were nil, and the exports 582 tons.

German Import Duties.—The minimum import duty on wheat in Germany from January 1 next will be 12s 6d per 480lb (or rather higher than the French duty of 12s 2d per 480lb), against a former duty of 7s 7½d per 480lb, which has existed since 1893. On flour the new duty will be about 13s per sack of 280lb, against the present duty of about 9s per 280lb. The wheat duty will thus be increased 67 per cent., and the flour duty 42 per cent. "Such duties" (says "Beerbohm's Corn Trade List"), "will, of course, be almost prohibitive, although it is a fact that Germany, with its present rate of wheat production, has to import about eight million quarters of wheat per annum." It is interesting to note that Germany's imports of flour in 1904 were 23,168 tons (2204lb), against 31,979 tons in 1903, and 21,545 tons in 1902; whilst the exports in 1904 were 54,848 tons (13,151 tons for the United Kingdom), against 26,280 tons in 1903, and 20,252 tons in 1902. Of rye flour the exports in 1904 were 97,110 tons, against 80,466 tons in 1903.

"According to latest mail advices from Buenos Ayres, the Minister of Agriculture has modified his estimate of the area under wheat which he issued last November, and which showed an increase over last season of 22 per cent. (says "Beerbohm's"). The revised figures show an increase of only 15 per cent., and these of course are subject to further modification when the harvested area becomes known. Meanwhile, it is interesting to compare the present estimate with the estimated area sown last season and the area actually harvested:—

	1904-05. Estimated sown. Acres.	1903-04. Estimated sown. Acres.	1903-04. Area harvested. Acres.
Buenos Ayres	4,970,000	4,060,000	2,400,000
Santa Fe	3,455,000	3,315,000	3,005,000
Cordoba	2,710,000	2,330,000	2,070,000
Entre Rios	725,000	520,000	521,000
Others	265,000	250,000	256,000
Total	12,105,000	10,475,000	9,252,000

It remains to be seen, of course, what the difference is this year between the 'sown' and the 'harvested' area; but according to all accounts it seems to be expected that the good yield in Buenos Ayres will hardly make up the deficiency in Santa Fe and Cordoba, and that thus the total yield may not equal last year's. In such a case the surplus will be about eleven million quarters."

IMPORT MARKET.

The week opened very quietly in this market, and beyond small distributing parcels little business was moving. Various lines of fish continued to sell well, and fairly large orders were also sent forward for indent. Tea sold in moderate parcels, and prices were steady. Metals were without movement. Corn sacks sold in restricted lots, but other jute goods were without inquiry.

Tea Duty in Great Britain.—Reference was made in our columns last week to the anxiety of tea importers to learn the intentions of the Government with reference to a reduction of the duty on tea. Mail advices state that a memorial has been presented to Mr. Alfred Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, on behalf of the Ceylon Association in London, regarding the import duty on tea. The memorialists say that in 1900 the duty on tea was raised from 4d to 6d per lb, and in December that year they pointed out that they had made no protest when the Budget was brought out, because they recognised that sacrifices must be made by all to meet the cost of the war. Owing to the tax the selling value of their tea had fallen ½d a lb. In 1902 a deputation waited on the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and quoted from his Budget speech of 1901, in which he said that when the time came for reducing taxation tea would receive consideration before other articles. In 1903 they memorialised the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and again in February, 1904, pointing out that for 11 years previous to 1901 the increase in consumption of all teas in the United Kingdom averaged five millions a year, but since that date the consumption had remained practically stationary. The Chancellor, however, did not accord a favourable reply, and subsequently increased the duty from 6d to 8d per lb. Moreover, the Governments of India and Ceylon, by enactments to appreciate the rupee currency, raised the cost of producing the tea by 20 per cent., and thus placed a bounty on China and Japan tea. A duty from 100 to 150 per cent. on the value must tend to stifle the industry. They, therefore, asked to be relieved in some measure of this burden. Mr. Seton, of the Indian Tea Share Exchange, 120 Bishopsgate-street, E.C., writes:—"Notwithstanding a certain amount of uneasiness created in the minds of tea shareholders by the anti-duty agitation, the tendency in the share market now appears to be to take a less unfavourable view of the future of the industry, and buyers are now forthcoming for not a few of the leading shares."

Duty on Cornsacks.—About the middle of last season the Customs authorities decided that all cornsacks which were under 3¼lb weight, and did not come up to the standard of "8 porter, 9 shot," should be dutiable, although these goods were otherwise on the free list. This action, it was understood, was undertaken for the protection of the purchaser. The question has again been raised in Melbourne, doubtless in connection with the Gracchus shipment, which arrived in that port on Friday. It is contended that if sacks of any size are known in the trade, and sold and used as cornsacks, they must be exempt from duty under the tariff law. The authorities have been consulted and support this view, and the Minister, our Melbourne correspondent states, has therefore decided that when sacks are known in the trade, and are imported for use in the carriage of grain, the exemption in the tariff applies to them. Upon inquiry at the Customs-house in Sydney to-day it was found that the Collector had so far received no instructions in the matter.

Teas.—Business was of moderate proportions. Two hundred and twenty packages Ceylon sold at 6d to 1s 1d; 80 Ceylons at 8d to 8¾d, and 50 packages Indian at 8¼d.

Sugar.—The market was steady, with prices unchanged. "There has been less activity in speculative beet, and, with a smaller demand for actual sugar from the trade, the market has been quieter than for some time past," says the "Produce Markets Review" of February 4. "It cannot be said, however, that any decided points of weakness in the position have been developed, and the quiet feeling shown at the moment may either reflect the opinion of some that prices are high enough, or may be only a temporary lull in the excitement of the last few months. That supplies of beet may be short for the remainder of the season may be seen in the fact that the stocks of first runnings in the fabricants' hands on February 1 were only 59,000 tons against 542,000 tons last year, while the available stock of all kinds at Hamburg was only 65,000 tons against 209,000 tons last year. From this point of view, therefore, the present high prices seem justified, though they have probably been worked up at a more rapid rate by speculation rather than by the needs of the moment, and the actual shortage has hardly been felt yet. In fact some relief has opportunely occurred by large arrivals of cane sugar, so that the British refiners have been less dependent on beet, but the diversion of cane kinds to this market to any material extent would cause a corresponding scarcity in the Canadian and American markets, and might, therefore, later on produce a demand for European beet. Granted also that the Cuban crop will be considerably larger this season, it must not be forgotten that the Cuban stock of old sugar on January 1 was only 500 tons, compared with 95,000 tons in 1904. With regard to cane sugar cultivating countries, Louisiana reports that the crop has come to an end, and the product will reach 330,000 tons, against 215,000 tons last year. In Cuba 164 factories are at work, against 124 last year."

Groceries.—Transactions were chiefly in distributing lines. Fifty boxes Libby's devilled ham sold at agents' rates, and 250 boxes Lucasia candles.

Messrs. S. H. Harris and Co. will offer at auction to-morrow (Tuesday), at the mart, 284 George-street, a catalogue of groceries, fish, soap, etc., and 10 cases Burke's pale ale, as advertised.

Eastern Produce.—Fifty boxes of ginger changed hands at 6½d. Prices were unchanged and no cables were to hand from producing centres.

Liquors.—One hundred and fifty cases of Moet and Chandon went forward for indent, and also 10 quarter casks of Offley, Forrester, and Co. port wine.

Brewers' Goods.—Slightly more activity was shown in all lines. New season's Tasmanian hops are scarcely to hand, and no settled prices can be given. Quotations range from 1s 4d to 1s 6d f.o.b. Hobart. Lines of 1904 are procurable on spot at 1s 3d to 1s 5d, but stocks are almost exhausted. New Zealands new crop, are quoted up to 1s 9d, with a line offering at 1s 8d, to arrive. Kents and Californian are unchanged, and business is limited. English malt changed hands at 9s d. l., and quotations rule from 9s to 9s 6d for prime samples. A small line of Victorian sold at 5s 9d, but large parcels can be obtained down to 5s c.i.f. Isinglass moved off slowly. In Penang leaf the market has been replenished, and small lots went at 4s 9d to 5s. Brazil lump sold at 3s 11d. Other descriptions rule at recent rates.

Dried Fruits.—At a well-attended meeting of members of the newly-formed Mildura Dried Fruits Association, recently held, the following resolutions were unanimously carried:—"That it be a recommendation to the trustees that they approach the directors of the Mildura Co-operative Fruit Company, and ask them if they are prepared to work in conjunction with the association for the fixing of prices, grades, and export proportion of dried fruits, and also if they are willing to agree to a common inspectorship of the fruit packed by both bodies." "That Messrs. Gollin, Crespin, and Fraser Ramsay be nominated as association agents, and that they be communicated with, and asked if they are prepared to act in this capacity." "That in the event of any export of fruit being found necessary, it be a suggestion to the trustees that they institute searching inquiries as to the best and cheapest methods to be adopted for the placing of such fruit." Rules, based upon those of the old association, were discussed and adopted seriatim by the meeting.

Jute.—There was a little demand for woolpacks, and small lines of corn sacks sold at 6s 2½d. Otherwise the market was dull, and prices unchanged, in the absence of cable advices from Calcutta.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £12,732. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £2068; narcotics, £2084; sugar, £14; agricultural products and groceries, £424; apparel and textiles, £2329; metals and machinery, £724; oils, paints, and varnishes, £249; earthenware, cement, etc., £104; drugs and chemicals, £77; wood, wicker, and cane, £294; jewellery and fancy goods, £242; leather and rubber, £223; paper and stationery, £85; vehicles, £158; musical instruments, £72; miscellaneous, £78; harbour and light dues, £209; pilotage, £52; excise on spirits, £242; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £2803; excise on beer, £231; excise on starch, £37; excise on sugar, £265.

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

The consumption of spirits, beer, and wine in the leading European countries and the United States for the latest available period is presented in a table of the "Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance," just published by the Department of Commerce and Labour through its Bureau of Statistics. The table shows the consumption of the three principal kinds of alcoholic beverages for the leading European countries and the United States. From Coghlan's statistics we give the consumption in New South Wales of spirits, wine, and beer, and the total consumption of the Commonwealth. It will doubtless be a matter for surprise that both New South Wales and the Commonwealth consume with .79 and .74 gallons respectively less spirits per head of population than any of the countries named, except Italy. We consume more beer per head than Italy, Russia, France, and Sweden, but considerably less than the United States, England, Germany, and Belgium. In wine consumption we stand fourth from the bottom. The table is as follows:—

	Spirits. Proof galls.	Beer. Gallons.	Wine. Gallons.
United Kingdom	58,318,373	1,500,709,000	16,646,933
France	97,177,968	280,103,000	1,342,830,000
Germany	124,312,300	1,782,778,000	113,583,000
Italy	11,150,400	6,726,000	1,045,961,000
Russia	172,550,500	151,633,000	*—
Belgium	9,895,000	303,285,000	8,948,200
Sweden	10,720,500	44,440,000	898,200
U. States (1903)	117,292,148	1,449,879,952	38,719,355
N.S.W. (1903)	1,127,222	15,583,223	952,884
C'wealth	2,891,426	41,940,685	3,670,022

* No data.

The figures for spirits in the case of European countries include only those quantities which are used in the form of beverages, the quantities used in the arts and manufactures being uniformly excluded. There are no exact data on the subject for the United States, as all the spirits entering domestic, including industrial consumption, are taxed at a uniform rate. Authoritative estimates place the quantity used in the arts and manufactures in this country at about 10,000,000 gallons, so that in order to make the American and European figures comparable, these 10,000,000 gallons should be deducted from the total consumption of spirits in the United States, as officially stated. The following table shows the per capita consumption of the three kinds of beverage for each of the countries:—

	Spirits. Galls.	Beer. Galls.	Wine. Galls.
United Kingdom	1.38	25.42	0.39
France	2.51	7.48	34.73
Germany	2.11	30.77	1.93
Italy	.34	.20	31.80
Russia	1.29	1.12	*
Belgium	1.42	56.59	1.28
Sweden	2.13	8.53	.18
United States (1903)	1.33	18.04	.48
N.S.W. (1903)	.79	9.55	.67
Commonwealth	.74	10.71	.84

* No data.

EXPORT MARKET.

Butter Statistics.—The Collector of Customs gives the imports of butter at the port of Sydney during the week ended March 11 as 168,896lb, and the exports as 66,584lb.

Wool Sales.—The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Ltd., report the receipt of the following cable from their London house, dated 12th inst.:—"Wool.—The market is about 7½ per cent. to 10 per cent. lower for greasy, coarse, and medium crossbred, also for greasy medium and inferior merino lambs. Inferior and faulty wools are about 5 per cent. to 7½ per cent. lower. Competition is brisk."

The Wine Industry.—Speaking at a banquet tendered to members of his firm at Rutherglen, Victoria, Mr. P. B. Burgoyne, wine merchant, said he had extended his winery in Rutherglen because the wines grown in that district were best suited for the particular class they had to cater for in England. His contention was that a grape-grower should allow the winemaker to make the wine, and thus wines of a more uniform quality could be made. He had purchased the grapes from 42 vineyards during the past few months, and paid fully 50 per cent. more for them here than they could be sold for in South Australia. He would like the growers to be patriotic, and do something to help eradicate phylloxera in the district. If they only planted one acre each year of resistant stocks it would be a help. He had given his representative instructions not to buy grapes from vineyards which were not properly kept. If anything went wrong it was all put down to the Government, but this was a mistake as they should give the Government every assistance if they wanted practical results. Much had been said about the purity of Australian wine in England. It had been said that it was used to blend with "off" wines from foreign countries, but that statement was utterly without foundation. He suggested that the Government should be induced to obtain the services of a competent man from the south of France to look after the grafts and cuttings at the college.

The chairman, Mr. William Graham, stated that he had been considering a scheme which he thought would give better results eventually than the importing of French experts. His idea was to send two or three young men, between the ages of 16 and 17 years who have a knowledge of wine-growing, to the south of France, for the purpose of having them taught the grafting business thoroughly. Mr. P. B. Burgoyne said that it was one of the most practical suggestions he had heard, and offered to donate £300 towards giving effect to it.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour on Monday 117 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, while at Newcastle on Saturday 40 bales were received.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The first series of colonial wool sales for the year which commenced here on the 17th January, closed February 1st, occupying 13 selling days, one day being lost through fog, and for the most part of the first week the light was very indifferent, and made it difficult to judge fine wools, and the qualities of coarser grades.

143,635 bales were catalogued, averaging per day 11,050 bales. Of the net available quantity, 146,000 bales, there have been sold 75,000 bales for home account, 61,000 bales for Continental, and 4000 bales for America, a total of 140,000 bales, leaving 6000 bales to be carried over to next series, to commence March 7, with a limited total of 175,000, new arrivals.

The series opened with brisk competition, there being a large attendance of buyers, and indicating for merinos fully previous sales rates, and for the stronger sorts of crossbreds an advance of about 5 per cent. On this basis the sales proceeded for the most part of the first week, and occasionally for special sorts marked a little improvement in merinos, but near the close of the first week competition weakened, and crossbreds and medium and inferior merinos did not reach the opening level, and buyers and their masters became alarmed, and reduced their limits, and valued more carefully, with the result that prices declined 10 per cent. for all but the best in crossbreds. Faulty and inferior merinos felt the scare, and dropped frequently 5 per cent. below November level.

Competition, however, continued pretty keen and general, and before the close lower crossbreds had recovered somewhat, and closed 2½ to 5 per cent. better than lowest point.

There has been no special feature about lambs, there not being many of the best sorts forward, a lot super greasy Victorian realised 17d per lb.

Free wools of the best type merinos have not been plentiful, hence those that came to hand met a spirited demand at very full rates, as also did the finest and lightest crossbreds. New Zealand sent some tight and very attractive parcels of medium and fine crossbreds, which were keenly competed for at full rates by both American and Home buyers.

At times rather large parcels were withdrawn on account of insufficient bids, but an aggregate of 6000 bales taken over is by no means large, considering the limited supplies.

The slight set-back in the price of some sorts of crossbreds has caused some little alarm, and the cautious are wondering whether this is the beginning of a gradual fall to easier rates.

In the manufacturing areas the effect has been to lessen the turnover, and foreign orders have been withdrawn for the moment, to see how the market is likely to settle down. The Russian troubles at home and abroad are not liked by the foreigner, who is more sensitive about these things than Englishmen.

The Bradford trade with America shows an improvement for last month, as compared with same period last year. In the case of wool the experts have nearly doubled, and substantial increases are marked for stuff goods and other like material.

Feb. 10.

The lull after the close of the auctions here is very complete. The effect of the weakening of some sorts has taken all the animation out of the trade for the moment. There are no inquiries about for either old or new wools, except in the case of Cape wools, for which there are nearly always some inquiries from home and Continental manufacturing districts, large or small, according to the state of trade generally. Such a business is encouraged by several importers who for years have preferred to handle their wools this way, as well as at the auctions. There is no such regular trade for Australians. Only when prices are booming can anything be done; consequently at ordinary times business between the auctions is very slow and quiet. In manufacturing districts business is conducted on very restricted lines, extreme caution characterises all dealings. Owing to fears that coarse wools, having got on to a slippery plain, may slide lower and lower, business is very difficult to do, and quite a hand to mouth trade is done. Orders for any considerable quantities are very tardily taken in hand, and given out.

Merinos occupy a strong position, and values are very firm. Super 60's tops are quoted at 24½d; ordinary 60's 23½d; while B.A. stand at 24d. There is a steadily widening demand, and more machinery is being put into work on fine wools.

Turning to crossbreds, there is less depression than was apparent during the earlier part of the week. Concerning crossbred wools, for the moment values have steadied, 56's to 60's range at 23½d to 17¼d, and below these counts weakness is apparent at 40's 15d, 46's 16d, 36's 14½d, 32's 14½d. When it became generally known that prices had actually given way, a good deal of alarm was evident, and some smart ones were able to dispose of their purchases made earlier in the series at a slight advantage, before the buyer had heard of any change for the worse; the change to weaker values was kept very closely to within the walls of the Exchange, and before it became generally known prices had recovered, as the result of new blood coming in to operate before the series closed.

The fall was largely due to the American demand suddenly running out, and, strange to say, that although for a night or two values were pence a lb lower, no one from this quarter had the courage to plunge. Had they done so a good deal of money would have been made. It is often good policy at a falling market to buy in order to cheapen earlier purchases. Evidently the movement was too sudden and quick to allow of any such movement.

Export yarn trade is extremely dull, whilst in some quarters there are signs of some recovery before many weeks roll by. But the times are critical, and any week one may hear of a further serious drop. Strength or recovery will come, very slowly, as the air is full of suspicion as to what may happen.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

On the Exchange to-day Adelaide Steamship shares were quoted at b £6 6s, s £6 8s.

Wheat continues quiet. A little business is doing is bran, which is very firm at 10½d. Other quotations are unaltered.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Quotations on the Exchange to-day were:—Queensland Trustees, b 4s 4d, s 4s 7d; Queensland National Bank, s 13s 8d; Queensland 3½ per cent. loan, s £92; 4 per cent. Treasury bills, b £100. Sales: Queensland Trustees, 4s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Quotations: Bellambi, s 31s; Hetton, s 52s; Newcastle at £6 15s.

Exchange sales to-day were:—Victorian 3 per cent. Stock, £88 15s; ditto, 4 per cent., due 1909, £100 10s; ditto, 3½ per cent., due 1917, £95 10s; New South Wales 3 per cent. Funded Stock, due 1912, £81 2s 6d; Colonial Bank, pref., £9 8s, £9 9s; Metropolitan Gas, £8 4s; Colonial Mutual Insurance, 34s 6d; Emu Bay Rail, 1s 9d; Silverton Tramway, 61s.

Wheat is dull at 3s 4d and 3s 4½d; bran, firm, 8½d to 9d; pollard, 10½d to 11d; malting barley, steady, 3s to 4s, choice up to 4s 3d; thin feed, 2s to 2s 2d; Algerian oats are in fair demand at 1s 7d to 1s 9d; maize, 2s 5d; chaff, 40s to 60s; Victorian potatoes, dull, £6 to £7, Tasmanian £7 to £7 10s; onions, £9 to £9 10s. Business in tea covers 330 packages Ceylon, partly for export, at from 5½d to 10d; 140 chests Indian, from 6½d to 9½d; and 100 half-chests Kooloo. Bicarb. of soda sold at £8 12s 6d. Rocksalt sold at 40s, to arrive. Cornsacks sold at 6s 3d, and branbags at 1s 11d. Fifty tons of black No. 8 fencing wire sold at £8, ex Scharnhorst.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Monday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

In the Sussex-street markets to-day business displayed more animation, and a good volume of trade was recorded. Supplies available for auction at Redfern were heavy, but sales were effected with briskness at full rates. The most important fluctuations in last week's quotations were rises in mill offals and lucerne, with declines in maize, potatoes, and peas. The whole of these movements were the result of change in the disposition of stocks rather than any improvement or otherwise of demand.

Almost without exception dairy produce departments were in receipt of brisk business. The butter market was very firm in tone, sympathetically with the London advance, but there was but little talk of a rise here to correspond with that movement. The Melbourne market still continues firm up to 11½d and 1s per lb, which is really above the retail price in Sydney. This buoyancy has had the effect of diverting export orders to Sydney houses. There is a considerable speculation as to whether prices in London will so continue as to permit of further large exportation from Australia. Referring to the precedent in former years the stocks of second-grade in London during the late spring or early summer have been heavy, and prices too low for exporters on this side to make a profit. However, present indications are more encouraging, and this year, instead of now storing butter until the new season, as is usual, consignments may be sent forward until the stocks do not allow of exportation.

From the Board of Trade returns the following figures are taken to show the imports of butter into the United Kingdom during the month of January in comparison with preceding years. Among the Commonwealth States it will be seen that Victoria has added greatly to her exports, while Queensland has also made rapid improvement, whereas New South Wales and New Zealand figures remain almost stationary:—

	1903.	1904.	1905.
Russia, cwts.	20,500	9,362	11,327
Sweden, cwts.	20,865	18,987	16,263
Denmark, cwts.	161,868	136,109	161,188
Germany, cwts.	5,385	920	216
Netherlands cwts.	31,915	19,946	13,018
France, cwts.	32,161	29,143	21,429
United States of America, cwts.	6,386	2,537	1,275
New South Wales, cwts.	—	27,094	29,392
Victoria, cwts.	1,670	56,174	73,298
Queensland, cwts.	—	233	4,081
New Zealand, cwts.	44,792	47,321	50,231
Canada, cwts.	2,024	2,972	1,472
Other countries, cwts.	22,371	22,263	24,646
Total	350,677	373,261	407,836

Cheese and bacon sold steadily at late rates, while honey had better attention. The egg market ruled a little weaker, owing chiefly to the large draw on the cold-room varieties. Also, the quality of the northern river eggs was not such as to be in strong demand.

Plentiful supplies of chaff were available, and sales were brisk up to £4 3s 4d for wheaten, and £3 11s 8d per ton for oaten. Oaten hay was unchanged, as also was the straw market. At Redfern the lucerne market was firm, prime Mudgee bringing £3 13s 4d, and prime green in large bales to £3 6s 8d ton. On the wharf trade was quiet, and prices were unmoved. Bran and pollard were enhanced in value, stocks in city mills and supplies from the country being light. Quotations to-day were 8½d and 10½d per bushel respectively. The maize market fell back to its former lower basis, prime river grain being sold at 2s 6d, and best southern (old) at 2s 8d per bushel. The arrivals from the rivers over the week-end were considerable, amounting to over 6000 bags. Business at these prices showed some improvement. Oats were quiet, Tasmanian white being worth 2s 3d and 2s 4d per bushel, and best Algerian feed 2s, and seed 2s 3d per bushel. Both blue and grey peas ruled easier, stocks of each being rather large. Chickwheat was in good demand, but the heavy offerings caused some weakness in values. Potatoes were in heavy supply, owing to the arrival of the Tasmanian steamers with cargoes amounting to about 18,000 bags, part of which is for transhipment. The market opened at £7 5s per ton, but purchases were of rather smaller volume than usual.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon.—Best factory, flitches 6d to 6½d, middles 7½d to 8d, sides 6½d; York Castle, mild-cured, sides 6½d to 6¾d, flitches 5½d to 6½d, middles 7½d to 8d; Federal, sides 6½d, flitches 6½d, middles 7½d; Pineapple, sides 6½d, flitches 6½d, middles 7½d; Clarence, sides 6d, flitches 5½d; F. F. and L., sides 6½d, flitches 6d, middles 7½d; Rex, flitches 5½d to 6d, middles 7½d, sides 6½d; Bodalla, sides 6½d, flitches 6½d, middles 7½d. Hams: Colonial, 10d; Pineapple, 10½d; York Castle, 9d; F. F. and L., 10d to 10½d; Rex, 10½d lb.

Butter.—Selected choice dry makes 9½d, prime 9d to 9¼d, seconds 8½d to 8¾d, pastry makes 7d to 8d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 6d to 6½d, soft new, 5½d, prime large 6d, inferior from 5½d; Kameruka Cheddar, 7d; Bodalla, 7d lb.

Eggs.—Northern, 1s, few odd lots 1s 1d; Southern, 1s 1d to 1s 2d, choice 1s 3d; new-laid suburban, 1s 5d, odd lots 1s 6d; cold-room eggs, 1s 1d doz.

POULTRY.

River: Hens 2s to 2s 3d, choice 2s 6d, chickens 1s 3d to 1s 6d, roosters 2s 6d to 2s 9d, choice 3s; guinea-fowls, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; English ducks, 1s 9d to 2s, choice 2s 3d; Muscovy ducks, 2s 6d to 2s 9d, drakes 3s; turkeys, hens 7s to 8s, gobblers, medium 12s to 13s, extra heavy 16s; geese, 3s 6d to 3s 9d pair.

GAME.

Rabbits, 5s, small 3s dozen pair.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—F.a.q., 3s 4d to 3s 4½d, choice milling to 3s 5d bus.

Flour.—City roller, £8 to £8 5s ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Choice green wheaten £4 to £4 3s 4d, prime £3 8s 4d to £3 15s, medium £3, inferior from £2 1s 8d; lucerne chaff, £4 3s 4d. Melbourne: Oaten £3 15s to £3 5s, wheaten £3 10s. Adelaide: £3 15s ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime green £3 10s to £3 15s, inferior rough £2 10s. At Redfern: Prime green large £3 5s to £3 6s 8d, medium £3, green small £3 13s 4d ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Hydraulic-pressed, £3 15s. Local: £3 8s 4d ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmanian, £2. Local: £1 15s, rye £2 15s ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran, 8½d; pollard, 10½d bus.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Redskins, £7 5s ton.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Cape, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; English, 2s 4d to 2s 6d bus.

Maize.—New river, 2s 6d, soft from 2s 4d, white 2s 5d; Southern, 2s 8d bus.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian 1s 10d to 2s, seed 2s 1d to 2s 2d. Tasmanian: White feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d. Local: Prime Algerian, 1s 11d to 2s, medium 1s 9½d bus.

Peas.—Blue, 4s to 4s 3d; grey, 3s to 3s 3d bus.

Chickwheat.—Second milling, 3s 1½d to 3s 2½d; prime 2s 11d to 3s; medium, smutty, and pinched, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; inferior, weevily, 2s 8d; screenings, 2s 1d to 2s 2d bus.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Portarlington, £11 ton.

Swede Turnips.—Prime, £3 5s to £4 10s ton.

Honey.—60lb tins prime extracted 1½d to 2d, some choice lines 2½d lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders 4d to 4½d, bulk 3½d to 3¾d lb.

Beeswax.—Dark 1s 1½d, prime clear 1s 2d to 1s 2½d lb.

Millet.—Prime short £22 to £23 10s; prime hurl, £22 10s to £23; inferior, from £18 ton.

REDFERN SALES.

The Redfern yards were this morning filled with a heavy supply of produce, representing the usual commodities of forage, grain, and vegetables. There was a large attendance of buyers, and competition was maintained in such a manner that the great majority of consignments found disposal. Chaff sold at fully late rates, while lucerne advanced slightly. Wheat was in very large supply, and the market eased a shade. Forty truckloads of chaff were offered, choice green wheaten bringing from 3s 11d to 4s 2d, and prime from 3s 4d to 3s 9d, while oaten samples went at up to 3s 7d per cwt. Medium qualities of chaff sold at 3s, and inferior 2s 4d to 2s 6d per cwt. Choice Mudgee lucerne realised 3s 11d, prime sold at 3s 3d and 3s 4d, medium 3s, and inferior from 2s 3d to 2s 6d per cwt. Prime rack oaten hay went at 3s 4d, and inferior 1s 9d per cwt. Good derrick straw was disposed of at 1s 9d, while rye straw went at from 2s 3d to 2s 9d per cwt. Eleven truckloads of wheat were available, and prices ruled lower. Second milling wheat cleared at 3s 1½d; several hundred bags of prime chickwheat brought from 2s 11d to 3s, medium from 2s 9½d to 2s 10½d, and inferior 2s 8d per bushel. About 120 bags of screenings sold at 2s 1d and 2s 2d per bushel. Prime Algerian oats brought 2s, medium 1s 9½d and 1s 10d per bushel. English feed barley failed to move. Potatoes sold at from 5s 9d to 6s 6d per cwt., and melons from 1s 9d to 3s per dozen.

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Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, Sussex-street.—Auction Sales Redfern daily. Milling wheat sold at Darling Harbour. Immediate returns.—Advt.
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DALGETY and COMPANY, Ltd., hold Auction Sales daily at Redfern Railway Station. All Farm Produce. Full prices with quick returns.—Advt.
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"BODALLA" CHEESE, BACON, HAMS, and LARD.—The Bodalla Co., Ltd., 339 Sussex-st.—Advt.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Dalton Brothers, Ellis and Co., J. Bridge and Co., Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, H. M. Suttor and Co., George Wells and Matthews, Prescott, Limited, Dent and Perry, Wright, Heaton, and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., and the Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society.

The produce forward consisted of 78 trucks, in the following proportions:—Chaff, 40 trucks; lucerne, 9; oaten hay, 3; straw, 4; wheat, 11; oats, 5; barley, 2; potatoes, 2; and melons, 2.

Consignments were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From A. Brunskill, Wagga, (6469) passed; M'Farlane, Bomen, (9229) passed, (12797) 3s 3d, (3234) passed; H. Johnstone, Newbridge, (11361) 2s 6d; ex Spring Hill, (10033) passed; Warburton, (86) 2s 6d; Campbell, Kelso, ((1232) 3s 6d; Dalton Brothers, Spring Hill, (1991) passed; ex Wyong, (4570) passed; Gray and Co., Coolamon, (3993) 3s 7d; J. Logan, Derrain, (11632) passed, (11675) 4s, (2108) 3s 7d, (3871) 3s 7d; R. Ceely, (3075) 4s; Clarke, Armidale, (4974) 3s 4d, (12219) 3s 3d; C. Byrnes, Temora, (3439) passed, (11216) passed; Cantrill, Borenore, (2889) passed, (5241) passed; Mosair, Wellington, (4345) 2s 6d; D. R. Frater, Kingsvale, (11577) passed, (552) passed, (8728) 3s; Worner, (3584) passed; Rowston, Coolamon, (11623) part 4s 2d, (1766) 4s 1d; W. Price, Ganmain, (11457) 4s; H. Hesse, Matong, (10030) 3s 11d; George Cowden, Cunningar, (6196) passed, (4068) 2s 4d, (8515) 2s 5d; H. Stevenson, Marrar, (6667) 2s 6d; N. M'Cabe, (5360) passed, (11979) passed; J. Keough, (6052) 3s; J. Campbell, Maryvale, (11085) passed; Heaton Brothers, (6990) 3s 9d cwt.

Lucerne.—Ex Darling Harbour, (11451) 2s 3d; Marks, Mudgee, (11262) 3s 11d; Jas. Sage, Moonbi, (7409) 3s 3d; E. Sage, (3715) 3s 3d; Charley Chung, Nemingha, (4109) 3s 4d; Burr, Moonbi, (12110) 3s; Hall Bros., Aberdeen, (7458) 2s 6d cwt; Ah Kim, Tamworth, (5436) passed; Dowling, George's Plains, (8588) passed.

Oaten Hay.—From Kirkman, Blayney, (4469) 1s 9d, and rye, straw 2s 9d; Jas. Bell and Co., Amaroo, (11701) 3s 3d cwt; Ellis and Co., (11405) passed.

Derrick Straw.—From J. Hull, Talbragar, (4228) 1s 9d cwt; C. Haiset, Kelso, (9745) passed; J. Hull, Dubbo, (1534) passed.

Rye Straw.—From T. Cheney, Newbridge, (3779) 2s 3d cwt.

Wheat.—Ex Darling Harbour, (3908) passed, (5150) passed, (4107) passed; L. Allsopp, Murrumburrah, (2914) 2s 11d; M. E. Sellins, Junee, (11084) 2s 9½d; J. L. Tebbutt and Co., Quirindi, (8312) 27 bags H. 2s 8d, 16 bags J. 3s 1½d, 31 bags P. 2s 10½d; ex Tamworth, (9653) 50 bags 2s 1d, 70 bags 2s 2d; Piggott and Co., Manilla, (11578) passed; H. B. Beveridge, Illabo, (4745) 3s, (4084) 3s; Donnelly and Co., Temora, (x354) 2s 11d bushel.

Oats.—From Burrows, Albury, (7711) 1s 9½d; ex Darling Harbour, (798) 1s 10d; Laudar, Black Mountain, (2076) 2s, (4837) 2s bushel, and 46 bags potatoes 6s 6d cwt; Thompson and Co., Wallendbeen, (11772) passed.

English Barley.—From R. Patten, Wellington, (x288) passed; H. Nancarrow, Wellington, (8124) passed.

Potatoes.—From Burgess, Armidale, (4338) 5s 9d, (595) 5s 9d, and wheat passed.

Watermelons.—From Penrith, (744) Hamilton 3s 1d and 2s 4d, W. Field 1s 9d, M. Long 2s 9d, (7811) Wynne 1s 9d, and pumpkins from Hollier 4s 10d dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Quotations for fruit at the Bathurst-street markets to-day were practically identical with those of Saturday. Both imported and local fruits were dull, lemons, pears, passionfruit, and apples attracting the main inquiries.

Current quotations were:—

Plums.—Victorian: Diamonds, 2s 6d to 3s quarter-case; Jefferson's gages, 8s case, 2s 6d quarter-case; Pond's seedlings, 3s quarter-case. Tasmanian: Greengages, 1s to 2s; Purple Gages, 1s to 1s 6d; egg, 2s to 3s 6d box.

Peaches.—4s to 6s, inferior 2s 6d gin-case.

Pears.—Victorian: Williams, choice 7s to 8s 6d, prime 5s 6d to 6s 6d, medium 5s gin-case, B.D.C., 6s to 7s; Bergamot, 6s to 7s; Napoleons, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; Packer, Chinese: 2s 6d to 4s gin-case.

Apples.—Local: Trivetts, small 2s 6d to 3s, good 3s 6d to 4s, choice 5s to 6s; Jonathans, choice 5s 6d to 6s gin-case, jam lots 1s 6d to 2s gin-case. Melbourne: 6s 6d to 7s 6d. Tasmanian: Alexandra, 3s 6d to 5s 6d; Port Rundles, 3s 6d; Codlins, 3s to 4s bushel-case.

Bananas.—Queensland: 5s to 6s case, and 1s 6d to 2s 6d bunch. Fiji: 6s 6d to 7s 6d case, and 2s to 3s bunch.

Pineapples.—Common 3s 6d to 5s 6d; Queens, 4s to 5s case.

Tomatoes.—Good 2s to 3s, small and inferior 1s to 1s 6d half-case.

Watermelons.—Large 5s, small from 1s 6d doz; rock, 2s 6d to 3s 6d gin-case.

Persimmons.—3s to 3s 6d, small from 1s half-case.

Quinces.—Local: 2s to 3s gin-case.

Mandarins.—American Thorneys, 10s case of 250.

Oranges.—American: 16s case of 150 to 200, 8s half-case.

Grapes.—Muscatels, 6s; Black Hamburgs, 3s to 4s, white 2s to 4s; Black Prince, choice 6s, medium 3s to 4s half-case.

Lemons.—Choice 6s to 7s, medium 3s to 5s, rough 2s 6d gin-case.

Passionfruit.—Choice 7s to 8s 6d, good 5s to 6s, small 3s half-case, medium 5s 6d to 6s 6d gin-case.

Pomegranates.—4s to 5s gin-case.

VEGETABLE MARKETS.

Good stocks of nearly all descriptions of vegetables were held at the Belmore Markets to-day, and prices were but little altered from late rulings.

Cabbages, 4s 6d to 5s 6d, small 1s 6d to 2s 6d; carrots, 9d to 15d; parsnips, 1s 9d to 2s; turnips, 1s to 1s 3d; celery, 1s 9d to 2s; beetroot, 6d to 9d; rhubarb, 1s 6d; cucumbers, 1od to 1s; vegetable marrows, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; lettuce, 6d to 9d; leeks, 1s to 1s 3d; eschalots, 1s; spinach, 6d to 8d doz. bunches; tomatoes, 1s 6d to 2s quarter-case; parsley 9d to 1s; radishes, 4d to 6d; mint, 9d to 1s; herbs, 10d to 1s; watercress, 1s 6d to 2s doz. bunches; potatoes, Circulars 7s, sweet 6s to 8s; Swedes, 4s 6d cwt.; pumpkins, large 12s, others 2s to 4s; chillies 4s; beans, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; peas, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; onions, 11s to 12s cwt.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of March 16, 307 sheep vans and 101 cattle waggons; for the sale of March 20, 51 sheep vans and 74 cattle waggons.

FAT STOCK SALES.

HOMEBUSH YARDS.—Monday.

SHEEP.

About 6030 sheep and lambs were penned at to-day's sales, from 27 consignors. The sheep mainly comprised medium and useful merino wethers, with occasional pens of prime, and odd pens of extra prime. Merino ewes were considerably in evidence, and ranged from medium to a few prime, the bulk being of medium to fair quality. There was a sprinkling of crossbreds, chiefly of useful to good quality; prime and heavy were very scarce indeed. The usual buyers were in attendance, and as the supply was well within trade requirements the market opened firm to spirited competition, and remained so with but slight variation throughout, closing strong. Quotations: Prime merino wethers 17s to 18s, extra prime merino wethers 18s 9d to 20s, good merino wethers 15s to 16s, medium merino wethers 12s 6d to 14s; inferior and light 11s to 11s 6d; prime merino ewes 14s to 15s, good merino ewes 12s to 13s 6d, medium merino ewes 9s 6d to 11s; prime crossbred ewes 17s 6d to 18s 6d, good crossbred ewes 14s to 15s, medium crossbred ewes 11s 6d to 12s; prime crossbred wethers (none forward), good crossbred wethers 16s to 17s, medium crossbred wethers 13s to 15s. Sales:—

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—Marsh and Maddox, Marulan, 167 w 14s 6d, 249 13s 6d; A. M'Callum, Yass, 92 xb e 14s 9d, 82 e 12s 4d, 174 10s 5d to 15s 9d; Weakley Brothers, Gunnedah, 5 xb e 8s, 6 15s 9d, 34 w 13s 6d, 100 17s 4d to 17s 5d, 42 15s 9d; M. Finlay, Scone, 86 w 15s 9d, 10 14s 5d; S. Mackay, Cooma, 25 xb w and e 15s 6d, 16 13s 11d, 64 w 13s 6d, 35 11s, 45 e 9s 6d; Western agents, 20 w 12s 5d.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co.—J. M'Gregor, Boggabri, 64 w and 7 c w 16s 10d, 19 w 16s; J. H. Tyler, Dripstone, 5 xb 15s 3d, 48 w 14s 8d, 33 11s 6d; A. Brassey, Queanbeyan, 22 xb e 16s 2d, 13 w 14s 4d, 31 e and w 14s 2d, 124 e 11s to 11s 1d; W. Parker, Crookwell, 91 w 12s 7d, 34 11s 3d.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—D. and W. Sellar, Cooma, 6 w 13s 3d, 131 e 10s 1d to 13s 4d, 13 8s; Southern agents, 54 w 15s 9d to 15s 11d, 246 11s 10d to 16s 1d.

Weaver and Perry.—R. C. and J. White, Blandford, 72 w 16s 4d, 198 15s 4d to 15s 9d; E. Swan, Roslyn, 184 w 14s 7d, 32 12s 10d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—J. S. Vickery, West Tamworth, 42 w 20s, 277 18s 9d, 357 17s 2d; Markey Bros., Hadleigh, 110 w 18s 1d, 250 17s 4d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—J. Buckley, Belaringar, 29 c e 16s 7d, 32 13s 11d, 34 15s 7d, 28 14s 6d, 53 h 15s 5d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—A. J. M'Innes, Roslyn, 211 w 16s 3d, 63 15s, 32 15s 10d; D. and J. Leahy, Crookwell, 161 w 15s 4d to 15s 9d, 40 14s 3d to 14s 4d; T. Fitzpatrick, Carcoar, 47 xb 15s 10d, 40 13s, 16 w 12s 8d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—J. Warburton, Millthorpe, 19 xb e 17s, 44 15s 4d.

Maiden Bros.—J. M'Carthy, Queanbeyan, 100 w 16s 4d to 16s 5d, 36 15s 6d, 42 xb w 16s to 16s 3d, 53 xb e 18s, 37 e 14s 9d, 17 14s 4d; V. H. Gibbs, Queanbeyan, 41 w 14s, 29 11s 6d, 16 r 9s; H. Moss, Trangie, 26 xb e 18s 2d, 37 15s 1d, 18 e 16s 1d; Southern agents, 118 w 10s 3d to 16s 6d, 82 15s; J. M'Intosh, Crookwell, 64 w 10s to 10s 1d, 24 e 12s 9d, 5 r 11s; A. J. Gibbs, Queanbeyan, 65 w 13s 8d, 34 12s 1d; A. Nixon, Roslyn, 83 w 15s 8d to 15s 11d, 21 13s 9d; estate D. M'Kinnon, Gundagai, 30 xb w 15s 7d, 30 xb e 15s 2d, 54 13s 10d.

LAMBS.

A good supply of lambs (about 380) was forward for a Monday's penning. All descriptions were in evidence, including a few prime. There was fair competition, and values were without quotable change for good to prime, but other qualities were lower. Prime lambs 14s to 14s 6d, good lambs 12s to 13s, medium lambs 9s to 10s 6d, young and light 6s to 7s 6d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—S. Mackay, 12 12s 9d, 21 h 11s 8d, 12 l 10s 3d, 5 8s.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—A. Brassey, 9 12s 4d, 5 10s 1d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—J. Buckley, 13 14s.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—J. Warburton, 10 14s 5d, 20 13s 3d to 13s 6d.

Maiden Bros.—J. M'Carthy, 8 13s 4d, 10 12s 4d; V. H. Gibbs, 17 6s; H. Moss, 7 11s; J. M'Intosh, 47 13s 2d, 20 9s 4d, 55 10s, 34 8s; estate D. M'Kinnon, 34 12s 1d, 33 9s 11d to 10s 11d, 43 8s 11d.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 845 cattle were yarded, representing 35 consignors. The bulk of the consignments were from the Northern and North-western districts, with odd lots from the south and west. Included in the yardings was a fair representation of prime medium-weight and light-weight bullocks, with odd yards of prime and heavy. Fair quality light bullocks and steers were moderately in evidence. About 60 cows and heifers were forward, chiefly of useful to good. There was the usual attendance of buyers, and as the supply seemed well within trade requirements the market opened to moderate competition at a shade firmer values. This tone generally prevailed throughout, closing strong. Quotations: Yards of prime bullocks, £9 to £9 10s; yards of prime and heavy bullocks, £10 to £10 15s, odd extra prime and heavy bullocks to £11; yards of good bullocks, £8 to £8 10s; yards of medium bullocks, £7 to £7 10s; yards of light bullocks and steers, £5 10s to £6 10s; yards of prime cows, £6 10s to £7, odd yards of extra prime cows to £7 6s, odd choice beasts to £7 15s; yards of good cows, £5 10s to £6; yards of medium cows and heifers, £4 10s to £5. Best beef (medium-weight bullocks), 23s per 100lb.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Manchee Bros., Binnaguy, 27 bullocks to £10 13s, avg £10 1s; executors T. Hewitt, Muswellbrook, 22 bullocks to £9, avg £8 14s 2d; Bakewell Bros., Scone, 44 bullocks to £8 16s, avg £8 4s 11d; D. and J. Leahy, Crookwell, 12 bullocks and steers to £7 3s, avg £7 1s 3d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—J. Fagan, Cowra, 10 bullocks to £9 12s, avg £9 0s 4d, 10 cows to £7 6s, avg £6 19s 8d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—H. E. A. and V. White, Scone, 50 bullocks to £8 16s, avg £8 5s 4d; E. Vickery, Whittingham, 40 bullocks to £9, avg £8 2s 7d; Walhallow Estate, Quirindi, 30 bullocks to £9 13s, avg £9 6s 2d; W. H. Mackay, Ravensworth, 30 bullocks to £9 3s, avg £8 12s 3d; J. H. Davies, Scone, 20 bullocks to £11, avg £10 6s; W. H. Duckham, Scone, 20 bullocks to £9 14s, avg £9 10s 5d; A. C. F. Company, Ltd., Muswellbrook, 25 bullocks to £7 13s, avg £7 9s 1d; A. A. Dangar, Quirindi, 21 bullocks to £8 9s, avg £8 6s 10d; G. M. Finlay, Scone, 10 bullocks at £8 6s; Hall Bros., Aberdeen, 11 bullocks to £8 8s, avg £8 5s 3d; H. R. M'Kenzie, Moree, 12 heifers to £5 14s, avg £5 8s 2d, 2 steers at £4 3s; S. Mackay, Cooma, 35 bullocks and steers to £7 13s, avg £6 19s 3d; J. Lee, Rylestone, 20 bullocks to £10 8s, avg £10 1s.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—R. M. Fitzgerald, Rylestone, 29 bullocks to £9 19s, avg £9 7s 11d; D. M'Kenzie, Young, 9 bullocks at £8 15s; J. B. Black and Co., Moree, 56 bullocks to £7 17s, avg £7 12s; H. E. Kater, Moss Vale, 22 bullocks and steers to £7 10s, avg £7 4s 6d.

Weaver and Perry.—F. S. and H. W. Bell, Muswellbrook, 30 bullocks to £9 9s, avg £8 13s 10d; W. P. Bowman, Muswellbrook, 22 bullocks to £8 14s, avg £8 13s; W. Nicholson, Gunnedah, 31 bullocks to £9 3s, avg £8 5s 6d; A. Parker, Curlewis, 8 bullocks at £7 9s, 1 cow £7 15s; E. R. White, Muswellbrook, 11 bullocks at £8 1s; C. J. Withycombe and Co., Muswellbrook, 11 bullocks to £8 15s, avg £7 8s 10d, 1 cow £5 10s; W. M. Waddell, Singleton, 24 bullocks to £7 2s, avg £6 14s 4d; Northern agents, Werris Creek, 36 heifers to £6 1s, avg £5 10s, 1 steer £5 1s.

W. Inglis and Son.—B. Buffier, Farley, 24 bullocks and steers to £7 5s, avg £5 19s 8d; G. W. Carter, 14 steers to £5 16s, avg £5 13s 2d; Southern agents, road, 15 steers at £5 12s; T. O'Brien, Muswellbrook, 14 steers to £4 18s, avg £4 5s.

J. C. Young and Co.—R. Tanner, Quirindi, 20 bullocks to £8 19s, avg £8 17s; Southern agents, 10 bullocks and steers to £9, avg £7 12s 8d; Northern agents, 14 steers to £5 5s, avg £4 9s, 2 heifers to £5 14s, avg £5 3s.

BATHURST, Monday.

At the corporation yards to-day 30 head fat cattle were yarded and sold as follows:—Good bullocks, £8 5s, medium £7 10s, small £5 to £6 10s; good cows, £7, medium £6 5s, small £4 5s to £6; heifers, £3 12s to £5 10s. Best beef is worth 24s per 100lb.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

Fat stock sales were held at Campbell's Hill saleyards to-day. Best yards of bullocks made £10 5s to £12 15s; good, £8 18s to £9 18s; medium, £6 16s to £8 11s; cows, best £5 13s to £7 14s; fat calves, best 56s to 77s, good 39s to 51s, light and medium 14s to 35s. Fat Sheep: Merino wethers, 19s 6d to 20s 8d; seconds, 15s 7d to 19s; others, 16s 5d to 17s 7d. Pigs: Heavy baconers 40s to 50s, light 32s to 35s 6d; best porkers 21s to 22s 6d, light 16s to 18s 6d; stores and slips, 7s 6d to 10s 6d; suckers, 3s 4d to 6s.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

There was marked inactivity on the Mining market yesterday, and shares generally presented a listless tone. Broken Hill mines remained without change of note. Souths, paid, brought 49s 9d and 50s; British Broken Hill, new, 14s 3d; and Block 10, 42s. Broken Hill Proprietary were worth 42s 6d. For local gold shares there was no demand outside of New Hillgrove, terms 9s 7½d, and rates remained unaltered. Queensland gold shares were quiet and easier. Victory and No. 2 North Oriental, and Queen Cross Reef, were not quoted so well, but other shares show little variation. Copper and tin shares were entirely neglected, and no transactions were recorded in Western Australian stocks, which were featureless.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The opening quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Crowl Creek	0 12 0	0 17 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 16 0
Girilambone Mining	0 2 10	0 3 6
Queen Bee	0 18 0	—
TIN		
Stannary Hills	—	0 5 3
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 15 3	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 2 0	2 2 9
Ditto Block 10	—	2 2 6
B.H. Junction	0 8 0	0 8 3
B.H. Junction North	0 7 4	0 7 9
B.H. North	1 4 3	1 5 0
B.H. South	2 9 3	2 10 0
B.H. South, contributing	2 2 0	—
B.H. South Blocks	2 9 0	—
Ditto, contributing	0 1 0	—
Sulphide Corporation, preference	1 0 0	—
Sulphide Corporation, ordinary	0 7 9	0 8 3
Tasmania.		
Curtin and Davis	0 0 6	0 1 0
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 1 2	0 1 6
Mount David	0 0 10	0 1 0½
Myall and Peak Hill, paid	—	0 3 9
Mount Drysdale	0 1 6	—
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 9 5	0 9 8
Occidental	—	0 6 3
Woodlark Island	—	0 2 0
Ditto, contributing	0 0 6	0 1 0
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Araluen Central	0 12 0	—
Ditto, contributing	0 11 0	—
Araluen Proprietary	0 3 0	—
Araluen Valley Consolidated	—	0 3 0
Associated Gold Dredging	0 5 0	—
Bucklands River South Extended	0 1 10	—
Cope's Creek	0 6 9	0 8 0
Federal Centrifugal	0 0 5	—
Jembaicumbene	0 3 0	—
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	0 2 0	—
New Wylie Creek	0 5 6	0 6 2
Ovens Valley	0 4 0	0 5 0
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Band of Hope	—	0 5 3
Bonnie Dundee	—	0 1 3
Brilliant Central	0 14 6	0 16 0
Brilliant Extended	—	0 9 0
Ditto, contributing	0 5 3	0 6 3
Brilliant St. George	—	0 17 4
Ditto, contributing	—	0 14 6
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	—	0 1 10
Kelly's Queen Block	—	0 7 0
Ditto, contributing	0 2 10	0 3 1
Marshall's Queen	—	0 3 6
Ditto, contributing	—	0 1 10
Mount Morgan	—	2 16 0
Queen Central	0 3 10	0 4 4
Queen Cross Reef	0 11 2	0 11 6
Ruby	0 4 10	0 5 3
Ditto, contributing	0 3 2	0 3 6
Victoria and Caledonia Block	—	0 3 8
Ditto, contributing	0 2 5	—
Victoria and Queen	0 2 5	0 2 7
Victory	0 2 9	0 3 0
Gympie.		
Columbia Smithfield	0 1 0	0 1 6
North Columbia and Smithfield No. 1, contributing	—	0 0 3
North Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	0 6 9	0 7 1
North Smithfield	0 3 9	0 4 2
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	0 9 9	0 10 3
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 7 6	0 7 9
South Great Eastern No. 2	1 16 6	1 17 6
South Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	0 1 6	—
Western Australia.		
Associated	1 15 0	1 18 0
Ditto Northern Blocks	1 1 0	—
Great Boulder	1 1 0	1 1 10½
Great Boulder Perseverance	—	0 12 9
Great Fingall Consolidated	—	8 7 6
Ivanhoe	—	8 2 6
Kalgurli, London register	6 15 0	—
Kalgurli North	—	0 4 6
Kalgurli South, London register	—	0 3 6
Lake View Consols, L.R.	1 1 0	1 3 0
Oroya-Brown Hill	3 11 0	3 13 6
Paringa Mines	—	0 5 0
Princess Royal North	0 0 11	0 1 0
Queensland Menzies	—	0 1 0
Queen Margaret	—	0 3 6

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Overnight: Broken Hill South, paid, 49s 9d; British Broken Hill, new, 14s 3d. On 'Change: Broken Hill South, paid, 50s. Later: No. 1 North Oriental, 7s 2d; Araluen Valley, consolidated, 2s 9d; Broken Hill, Block 10, 42s. Noon: Nil. Later: Broken Hill Proprietary, 42s 6d; Golden Alexandra, paid, 5s; Mount Morgan, 55s 6d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 7s 6d. Afternoon: Nil. Later: No. 1 South Gympie, 9d; Broken Hill Block 10, 42s; New Hillgrove, 9s 6d; terms one month, 9s 7½d; Smithfield and Phoenix Golden Pile, 10s; Queen Cross Reef, 11s 3d.

Charters Towers advises that Messrs. E. D. Miles and Co. are circulating the prospectus issued by Carrington's Lion P. C. Mining Company, Limited. The capital is to be £30,000, in 120,000 shares at 5s each. Carrington and his son, and Christenson, the owners, are to receive £3000 for the mine, and a large number of paid-up shares.

Our Charters Towers correspondent states that Phoebe and Mills United are looking very well just now, and Kelly's Queen Block stands a very good chance of getting the Phoebe reef.

The Sulphide Corporation report for the week ended March 4:—Central mine, Broken Hill: Ore milled, 3843 tons; concentrates produced, 735 tons; assays of concentrates—silver 29.9oz per ton, lead 61.3 per cent., and zinc 10.4 per cent. Cockle Creek works: Bullion produced, 386 tons, containing 769oz gold, and 20,964oz silver.

The Crowl Creek, up to March 4, smelted 178 tons ore, producing 38 tons matte, roasted 38 tons matte for 17 tons rough copper, and refined 79 tons rough copper, yielding 72 tons ingot copper.

Kelly's Queen Block crushed 210 tons for 152oz.

The following information was yesterday cabled to London by the manager of the Myalls and Peak Hill Gold Mines:—"Value of bullion for the four weeks ended February 25, 1905, is £1900. The erection of the new stonebreaker is well forward, and the first of the new group of vats has arrived, and the second is in transit."

The dredgemaster of the Jembaicumbene Middle Ground reports for the week ending March 11:—"The week's dredging was very similar to that of the previous week, the ground being very rough; very little solid ground was treated, and what little there was was poor; the rest of the stuff put through consisted mostly of sludge from an old paddock that had been filled by the creek. Early in the week more solid ground was making, but it did not last long, and for the remainder of the time we were working wholly in old ground. None of the ground is very deep, but we are not in any way hampered for want of water, it being fresher and more plentiful now than for months back. We are still working down the lease, with all the machinery running well."

The mine manager of Cope's Creek Dredging Company reports, for the week ending 11th inst.:—"The plant worked exceptionally well, stripping and treating the concentrates for a return of about five tons for the week's work. 6 tons 1cwt 1qr 6lb of ore was despatched on Monday last. Everything is still working satisfactorily."

The following telegram was received yesterday by Mr. R. N. Kirk, agent of the Broken Hill South:—"Treated 4143 tons crude ore, producing 628 tons concentrates, assaying 68 per cent. lead, 26oz silver, and 8 per cent. zinc."

The dredgemaster of the New Wylie Creek Tin dredge reports, for the week ended 11th inst.:—"The dredge worked 122 hours, and obtained 1 ton 17cwt tin ore, and from cleaning up accumulation of black sand 1 ton 4cwt." The company have declared the eighth dividend of 3d per share, payable on March 23; the transfer books will be closed from March 18 to 23 inclusive.

No. 1 North Oriental manager reports:—"In breaking down in the winze in the south end 100oz of specimens were obtained. Fair gold is still showing."

Columbia Smithfield manager reports: "Picking out four candle-boxes of fair stone during the last week from the north drive, on No. 3 Reef, 73ft. up the underlie rise. Similar stone is showing in the face."

MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

COBAR, Monday.

Mr. G. H. Blakemore, general manager of the Great Cobar Copper Mining Syndicate, is on a visit of inspection. Mr. Dyson, the new manager of the Cobar Gold Mines, Limited, has resigned, and has been appointed general manager of the Yam Creek Smelting and Copper-mining Company, Port Darwin. Mr. A. E. Moore, local secretary of the same company, has also resigned, and has been appointed legal manager of the Queen Bee Copper-mining Company. The old C.S.A. copper mine has been taken by a very strong syndicate, who have timbered the shaft, and have got a new winding engine and plant on the ground.

MUDGEE, Monday.

During the past few days some nice cakes of gold have been deposited at the Commercial Bank, Hogan and party, of Tuckers Hill, having cleaned up 45 tons for 153oz, while Winters and party, Golden Lily Mine, obtained 122oz from 70 tons.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

There has been a large accumulation of zinc concentrates at Port Pirie—over 10,000 tons—consequently the management of the Proprietary have decided to stop operations at Broken Hill, and on Saturday next the salt cake plant will be suspended for the present. Mr. Delprat explains that the plant was put up originally to cope with 1000 tons of tailings weekly, but it is now found that it can readily treat 4000 each week, and this accounts for the heavy accumulation of the product. The cessation of operations will not affect the manufacture of sulphuric acid, which will continue working as usual. A large roaster has been erected near this acid plant for roasting zinc concentrates prior to smelting.

Mill production is apparently running smoothly with the Junction North machinery, which is now responding satisfactorily. Mr. J. H. Stockdale (manager) states that the crushing plant and magnetic separating machines have been in operation since Friday night, the former on full time and the latter two shifts daily. The separators worked freely on Saturday, also to-day, the bins being well supplied through the rolls working all Friday night and starting again at 12 o'clock last night. The magnetic plant, Mr. Stockdale added, had run since 8 o'clock this morning without a hitch of any kind. When it is decided to put in a second pair of large Cornish rolls it is probable that the mill will again shut down, but not longer than a couple of days. For half a week ending March 11 250 tons of crudes, assaying 18 per cent. lead, 11oz silver, and 9 per cent. zinc, were put through the magnetic separators, producing 48½ tons of magnetic concentrates, bulking 64 per cent. lead, 30oz silver, and 7 per cent. zinc. In order to test the suitability of the crude ore crushed by the Cornish rolls for treatment by the separators, a 13-hours' trial run was made on Friday, when 40 tons crudes, going 18 per cent. lead, resulted in 14 tons of magnetic concentrates, bulking 25 per cent. lead.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The sales and quotations to-day were:—Associated (colonial), 36s 6d, b 36s 3d, s 36s 9d; Cumberland, 9s 3d, 9s 6d, b 9s 5d, s 9s 6d; Great Boulder, 21s 7½d, 21s 6d, b 21s 4½d, s 21s 6d; Golden Pole, 27s 3d, 27s 6d, 27s, 27s 9d, 27s 6d, b 27s 6d, s 27s 10½d; Boulder Perseverance (colonial), b 12s, s 12s 3d; Hainault, 19s, 18s 10½d, b 18s 7½d, s 18s 10½d; Ivanhoe Junction, paid, 1s 10d; ditto, contg, 1s 1d, b 1s 1½d, b 1s 1d, s 1s 2d; Louise, 1s 1d, b 1s 2d, s 1s 3d; Lake View Consols (colonial), 21s 6d, b 21s, s 21s 6d; North Kalgurli, 4s 1d, b 4s 1d, s 4s 2d; North Boulder, 1s 7d, b 1s 5d, s 1s 9d; Oroya-Brown Hill (colonial), b 71s 6d, s 73s 6d; Princess Royal, 15s 3d; ditto, contg. b 13s 6d, s 14s 6d; ditto North, 11½d, 11¼d, 11d; Queen Margaret, 3s 11d, b 3s, s 3s 5d; South Kalgurli, b 21s, s 22s 6d; Waihi, 2s 6d, 2s 7½d, 2s 9½d, 2s 9d, b 2s 9d, s 2s 10d; Victory United, 1s 1d, b 1s 1d, s 1s 2d; Tarcoola Blocks, 3s 6d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 42s 6d, 42s, b 41s 6d, s 42s 6d; Block 14, ordinary, 4s 8d, 4s 5d, b 4s 1d, s 4s 5d; ditto, preference, 7s 8d, 7s 5d, b 7s 2d, s 7s 5d; Block 10, 42s, 41s 3d, b 41s, s 41s 3d; Junction, 8s 1d, 8s 3d, 8s 2d, b 8s 2d, s 8s 2d; Norths, 24s, 23s 3d, 24s 4½d, b 24s 4½d, s 24s 6d; Souths, paid, 49s 3d, b 48s 9d, s 50s; ditto, contg, b 42s 6d, s 43s 6d; Junction North, 7s 10d, 7s 4d, 7s 9d, b 7s 8d, s 7s 9d; Sulphide Corporation, 8s, 8s 1d, b 8s, s 8s 3d; Gladstone, b £14 10s, s £15 5s; North Queensland Tin, 45s, 40s, b 37s 6d, s 45s; Wallaroo, b 22s 3d, s 23s 3d; Stannary Hills, 5s 1d, 5s, 5s 2d, 5s 11d, b 5s 1d, s 5s 2d; Smith's Creek, 4s 5d, 4s 6d, 4s 5d, b 4s 5d, s 4s 6d; Winnecke's Reward, b 45s, s 47s 6d.

BENDIGO, Monday.

Sales: New Argus, 40s 6d; New Hopeful, 12s 1½d, 12s 4d; New Chum Goldfields, 8s 10½d; South New Moon, £10 8s.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Sales: East Mexican, paid, 2s 4d.

Quotation: New Chillagoe, b 9d, s 1s.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Monday.

Sales: Brilliant Freehold, 1s 0½d; East Mexican, 1s 1d; Golden Alexandra, paid, 5s; Imperial, 6½d; Kellys Queen Block, paid, 4s; Marshall's Queen, paid, 2s 11d; New Queen, 2s 2d; Phoebe 4s 7d; Queen Cross Reef, 11s 5d; Queen Cross Extended, 6½d; Queen Central, paid, 4s, 4s 1d; Ruby United, 3s 9d; Ruby South, 5d.

Quotations: Bonnie Dundee, b 1s 2d, s 1s 3d; Brilliant Freehold, b 1s, s 1s 1d; Brilliant St. George, s 15s; ditto, paid, s 17s; Brilliant Extended, b 5s 6d, s 6s; ditto, paid, s 8s 9d; Clark's Worcester, b 1s, s 1s 2d; ditto, paid, b 1s 6d, s 1s 8½d; Craven's Caledonia, s 6d; Day Dawn, b 6d, s 8d; Day Dawn, s 2s 3d; East Mexican, b 1s, s 1s 2d; ditto, paid, b 2s 3d; Golden Alexandra, b 3s 3d, s 3s 5d; ditto, paid, b 4s 9d, s 5s 2d; Grant and Sunset, paid, b 7d, s 9d; Grand Junction, b 1s 7d, s 1s 9d; Imperial, b 6d, s 7d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 3s, s 3s 1d; ditto, paid, b 3s 11d, s 4s; Kuiamadau, b 11d, s 1s; London, b 3s 6d, s 3s 10d; ditto, paid, b 4s 6d, s 4s 10d; London North, s 3d; ditto, paid, b 8d, s 10d; Marshall's Queen, b 1s 6d, s 1s 9d; ditto, paid, b 2s 9d, s 3s; Mills United, b 8s, s 8s 6d; North Queen, paid, b 1s 10d, s 2s 1d; Phoebe, b 4s 6d, s 4s 8d; ditto, paid, b 7s 9d, s 7s 8d; Queen Cross Reef, b 11s 4d, s 11s 9d; Queen Cross Extended, b 6d, s 7d; Queen Central, paid, b 3s 10d, s 4s 2d; Queen Central Block, b 7½d, s 9d; Ruby, b 3s 4d, s 3s 7d; ditto, paid, b 5s 1d; Ruby United, b 2s 3d, s 2s 4d; ditto, paid, b 3s 8d, s 3s 9d; Ruby Macdonald, paid, b 11d, s 1s; Ruby South, b 4d, s 5½d; ditto, paid, b 1s; Victoria and Queen, b 2s 3d, s 2s 6d; Caledonia Blocks, b 2s 6d, s 2s 8d; Victory, b 2s 9d, s 3s 1d; Wallis' Day Dawn, b 1s, s 1s 1d; ditto, paid, b 1s 6d, s 1s 8d.

GYMPIE, Monday.

Sales: No. 1 North Columbia (new), 3½d, 3d; Columbia Extended, 4½d, 5d; Columbia Consolidated, 1s; South Glanmire and Monkland, 8s, 8s 3d; South Great Eastern, 1d; No. 1 North Home Rule, contg., 1s 5d; Oriental Extended, 5½d.

Quotations: Columbia Smithfield, b 1s 6½d, s 2s 4d; No. 1 North Columbia (new), b 3d, s 8½d; Columbia Extended, b 5d, s 6d; Columbia Consolidated, b 11½d, s 1s; South Glanmire and Monkland, b 7s 11d, s 8s 3d; No. 1 South Gympie, b 6d, s 10d; South Great Eastern and Oriental, b 3½d, s 4d; No. 7 South Lady Mary, b 4½d, s 4½d; No. 1 North Home Rule, paid, b 1s 6½d, s 2s; ditto, contg, b 1s 4½d, s 1s 6d; Oriental Surprise, b 7d, s 9d; No. 2 North Oriental, b 4½d, s 5d; South Oriental, b 2s, s 2s 4d; Oriental Extended, contg, b 3½d, s 3½d; East Oriental, contg, b 1s 9d, s 2s 4d; No. 5 North Phoenix, b 2½d, s 4d; No. 6 ditto, b 4½d, s 7d; Smithfield and Phoenix Pile, b 9s 11d, s 11s; North Smithfield, b 3s 11d, s 5s; No. 1 North Victory, b 1s 6d, s 2s.

LAUNCESTON, Monday.

Quotations:—Tasmania, b 22s; Volunteer Consol, b 1s 3d, s 1s 4d; Magnet, s 18s; Hercules, b 3s 2d, s 3s 3d; Mount Lyell, s 16s; Briseis, b 11s 3d; Mount Bischoff, b £42 5s; New Brothers Home No. 1, b 21s.

Sales:—Volunteer Consolidated, 1s 3d.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

KALGOORLIE, Monday.

An estimate of the reserves of Lake View Consols on December 31 is 70,000 tons, assaying 8dwt per ton.

White Feather Main Reef during February crushed 1005 short tons for 734 fine ounces; value aggregates £31,130.

Merton's Reward crushed 1542 short tons for 1341 fine ounces.

The output from the Boulder main reef for six weeks was 2200 tons for 1350 fine ounces.

Lake View South crushed 325 tons sands and slimes for 40.4oz.

Robinson, Kanowna, crushed 556 tons for 255.69oz fine gold.

REPORTS.

The mine manager of Tasman Ophir, under date March 4, states:—"The Tasmania Company have not yet started their pumps, but they will about Thursday next, when we shall be able to start sluicing again. We have a good many tons of wash stacked ready for treatment. In the meantime am starting a prospecting drive from the 120ft level, 37ft in from main shaft. This drive will go north-west into new country, which has never been touched before."

Queen Bee report for the week ended March 4.—No. 1 level (150ft): North drive extended 7ft; total, 405ft from main shaft. Lode on hanging wall appears to be making larger. No. 1 stope, north: Producing grey ore and carbonates for a width of 7ft; quality of ore broken about 14 per cent. No. 2 stope, north: Producing grey ore and carbonates for a width of 15ft; quality of ore broken about 14 per cent. No. 2 level (250ft): No stoping done for week; men engaged timbering. No. 1 Winze: No sinking done for week; men engaged timbering; total depth, about 85ft, and have opened out north and south at bottom in good yellow ore, full width of winze. North drive extended 11ft; total, 415ft from main shaft. Lode about 4ft wide of black and yellow ore. South drive extended 7ft; total, 27ft. Lode at present about 2ft wide, but has every appearance of making larger. Main shaft sunk 5ft 6in; total depth from No. 2 level, 133ft; water making a little in bottom; sinking stopped, and started to solar shaft over at 120ft from No. 2 level. Will proceed to timber up and fix runners, also cut plat for No. 3 level. Surface: No. 1 furnace smelted 51 tons of 13 per cent. ore, and No. 2 roasted four large charges of rough regulus, and from same tapped 26 tons copper for week. Will have over 35 tons copper for four weeks' run.

The Crowl Creek Co. (Shuttleton) report up to March 4:—330ft. level, north drive, off west crosscut, extended 7ft., total 31ft., in ore about 9in. of fair grade. No. 1 winze south: Sunk 4ft. 6in., total 27ft. 6in., ore 4ft. wide, with boulders through it. 450ft. level, No. 1 winze south: Sunk 7ft. 6in., total 15ft. 6in., carrying 4ft. wide of solid ore, and ore still standing on western side. East crosscut, off north drive: Extended 6ft., total 31ft.; face slate, with quartz veins and iron pyrites through it. Shaft: Sunk 6ft., and cut into quartzite boulder coming in from the west side; a little ore is showing, and water is also making a little. Stope: Broke and sent 277 trucks ore to mill.

White Star (Mount Useful), report for March 5:—Work for past fortnight carried on under difficulties, owing to having to haul stone from winze, consequently battery has been waiting for stone, and by reason of break a quantity of mullock went through with crushing, reducing the yield. Will rectify this next fortnight. Reef in bottom of winze over 3ft. wide, heavily mineralised with black jack and galena, and from appearance expect it will make richer as we sink. Will push on winze to make connection with No. 3 tunnel, so as to get stone to battery more rapidly and economically. Started men to-day breaking stone north of Hosking's winze; can see nice rough gold in centre of reef, which is 4ft. wide. March 10 (by wire): 100 tons yielded 20oz. smelted gold. Battery starts going to-night, anticipate increased tonnage next crushing.

DREDGING RETURNS.

Associated dredge No. 1: 90oz for 117 hours.
Associated dredge No. 2: 68oz. for 122 hours.
Araluen Proprietary dredge: 96oz. for 112 hours.
Turon River dredge No. 1: 36oz. for 125 hours.
Turon River dredge No. 2: 20oz. for 127 hours.
Stanthorpe Tin-dredging Company: 2 tons 10cwt. for 127 hours.
Elrington dredge: For fortnight, 55oz. smelted gold.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN TOUR.

MATCH AGAINST NEW ZEALAND.

A DRAW GREATLY IN FAVOUR OF AUSTRALIANS.

CHRISTCHURCH (N.Z.), Monday.

Owing to the rain early this morning, and light, driving showers all the forenoon, play was not resumed till 2.30, the grass being saturated. A light drizzle continued till 3.30, though the wicket was not affected. The attendance was very small. Siedeberg, who was not out on Saturday, and Callaway resumed to the bowling of Armstrong and Cotter. In the latter's third over Callaway played on. Six for 116. Fisher followed, and Cotter, bumping badly, hit him three times. Armstrong at the same time was keeping the batsmen quiet. Fisher, after scoring 6, was caught in the slips off his hand. Seven for 129. Bennett came next, and after three appeals off consecutive balls was lbw to Armstrong. Eight for 131. Boxshall got a single, and then played Cotter on. Nine for 132. Upham did the same with Armstrong a few minutes later, the innings closing for 138 after 65 minutes' play.

New Zealand, with 395 to the bad, went in again at 4 o'clock, the rain having cleared. Blacklock and Siedeberg faced the same bowlers, and after 5 had been scored Blacklock was caught off Armstrong. Upham followed, and was stumped first ball. Two for 5. Graham, who was the next, played confidently, and the score mounted slowly until Newland stumped Siedeberg. Three for 26. Sims followed, but failed to stay long, Armstrong beating him with a good length ball. Four for 43. Ollivier then partnered Graham, and M'Leod took the ball from Cotter, who had been no-balled by Bannerman several times. The 50 was posted in 50 minutes, and then Graham was dismissed by a good catch after making 26 by capital play. Five for 57. Mason made a short stay, being caught by Gehrs off a mis-hit. Six for 60. Callaway followed, and at 74 Cotter replaced M'Leod, and Noble at 80 relieved Armstrong, the last-mentioned having bowled three hours. Callaway put together a dozen, when Duff relieved Cotter and bowled the ex-New South Welshman second ball. Seven for 95. Fisher filled the vacancy, and the century appeared after an hour and 50 minutes' play. Hopkins took the ball from Noble. With time for one more over, the batsmen appealed against the bad light, and the umpires stopped the play. The match was therefore drawn. Ollivier's 32 were made by slow but solid play. Armstrong bowled admirably, and had the batsmen in difficulties all the time. New Zealand required 283 to avert a single innings defeat, and had three wickets to fall.

Scores:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.—First Innings, 533.

NEW ZEALAND.—First Innings.

H. Graham, b Hopkins	26
K. M. Ollivier, c Gehrs, b M'Leod	30
F. R. Mason, b Cotter	13
A. Sims, lbw, b Armstrong	0
A. Blacklock, b Armstrong	6
H. G. Siedeberg, not out	7
S. T. Callaway, b Cotter	8
A. H. Fisher, c Cotter, b Armstrong	6
J. H. Bennett, lbw, b Armstrong	0
C. Boxshall, b Cotter	1
E. F. Upham, b Armstrong	2
Sundries	30
Total	138

Bowling.—Noble, 6 overs, 1 maiden, 20 runs, no wickets; Cotter, 20 overs, 8 maidens, 22 runs, 3 wickets; Hopkins, 8 overs, 6 maidens, 5 runs, 1 wicket; M'Leod, 11 overs, 3 maidens, 24 runs, 1 wicket; Armstrong, 16 overs, 3 maidens, 27 runs, 5 wickets. Cotter bowled 1 wide and 3 no-balls; Armstrong 1 no-ball.

Second Innings.

H. G. Siedeberg, st Newland, b Armstrong	8
A. Blacklock, c and b Armstrong	2
E. F. Upham, st Newland, b Armstrong	0
H. Graham, c Hopkins, b M'Leod	26
A. Sims, b Armstrong	9
A. M. Ollivier, not out	32
F. R. Mason, c Gehrs, b Armstrong	2
S. T. Callaway, b Duff	12
A. H. Fisher, not out	3
Sundries	17
Total for seven wickets	112

Bowling Analysis.—Cotter, 11 overs, 1 maiden, 24 runs, no wickets; Armstrong, 16 overs, 1 maiden, 35 runs, 5 wickets; M'Leod, 7 overs, 2 maidens, 20 runs, 1 wicket; Noble, 2 overs, 1 maiden, 2 runs, no wickets; Duff, 4 overs, 3 maidens, 9 runs, 1 wicket; Hopkins, 4 overs, 3 maidens, 4 runs, no wickets. Cotter bowled 5 no-balls.

THE SECOND MATCH.

For the second match against the colony at Wellington on Thursday, Hickson, of Wellington, replaces Fisher. The local team are otherwise the same.

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NICKLESS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES CRAWFORD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Samuel N. Nickless, to move from his late residence, 61 London-street, Enmore, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, for Rookwood, via Newtown. T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker.

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THE Members of the Newtown Workers' Literary and Debating Society are requested to attend the Funeral of their late member, Mr. S. NICKLESS; to move from his late residence, 61 London-street, Enmore, at 2.15 p.m., to Newtown station, thence Necropolis. W. P. Hunt, Pres.; W. T. Milne, Sec.

GENTLE.—The Friends of Mrs. EDITH E. GENTLE are kindly invited to attend Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Arthur Gentle, late of Postal Department, Sydney; to move from her residence, Connemarra-street, Bexley, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Rockdale station, thence to Wesleyan Cemetery, Sutherland, by 2.10 p.m. train from Sydney. CHAS. KINSELA and SON, Undertakers.

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WANTED, a WOMAN, as general servant, used to restaurant. 286 King-st, Newtown.

WANTED, a little GIRL, about 14. Apply 30 Queen-st, Chippendale. Call at 7 at night.

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WANTED, Nursegirl. Apply before 9 o'clock, the 14th. 40 Hayberry-st, North Sydney.

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WANTED, Smart Tea Waitress. Globe Restaurant, 47 Liverpool-st.

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WANTED, Girl, HOUSEKEEPER, and Assistant wine bar. Apply 245 George-st, 10 p.m.

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WANTED, young Girl as General, fond of children, wages 5s. 40 Ridge-st, Surry Hills.

WANTED, a resp. Girl as General. Apply 10 Little Devonshire-st, Surry Hills.

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WANTED, General SERVANT, sleep at home. 88 Cleveland-st, Surry Hills.

WANTED Resp. Girl as General, refs. Birrunna, Hereford-st, Glebe Point.

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WANTED, a reliable Lady Help, all duties, must be able to cook. 25 Mansfield-st, Glebe Pt. Rd.

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WANTED, smart Girl, as GENERAL, 2 in family, After 10, 6 Bondi-rd, near Junction.

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WANTED, GENERAL SERVANT. Mrs. F. Gu, Corralynn, Frederick-st, Rockdale.

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WANTED, Gen. Ser., good cook, laun., sm. adult fam., gas stove, g. wages. Lorne, Roslyn Gdns.

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WANTED, BOY, for pony and trap. Marama, ... Mars Foy's, Bellevue Hill.

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WANTED, USEFUL GIRL of 13, help in house, 1 in family, must have personal ref., wages 3s. Apply CHALSMERE, Pine-street, Waverley.

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